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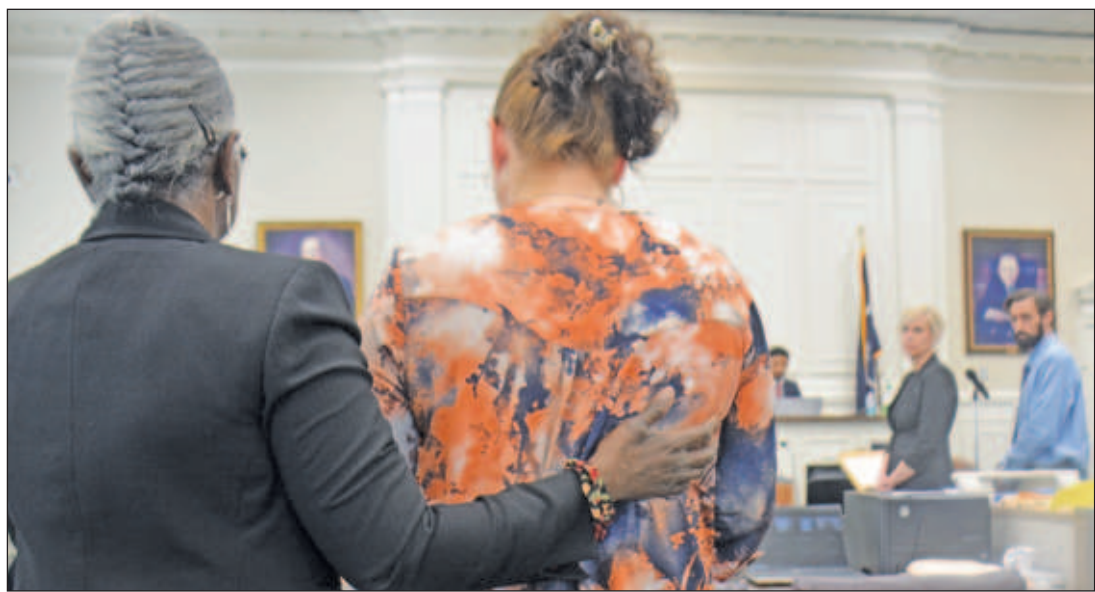
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Victim's advocate Brenda O'Berry (left) comforts Crystal Williamson as she asks for justice in the 2019 death of her son Kaleb while defendant James Anthony Smith (right, background) and his attorney Erin O'Neal Gaddy listen.

Jonathan Vickery / Publisher

## Smith pleads guilty to reckless homicide in 2019 fatal wreck

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Tears filled the courtroom as one family sought justice and another sought leniency.

James Anthony Smith, 33, of Aiken, pleaded guilty on Monday, Jan. 23 to reckless homicide in the death of 15-year-old Kaleb Hinckley. On June 22, 2019, Smith was driving home when he crashed into the vehicle occupied by Hinckley and his brother Gabriel. Kaleb died at the scene while Gabriel was injured.

"If I could change those 15 seconds, I would," said a tearful Smith of the actions leading up to the fatal crash.

Deputy Solicitor David Miller of the Second Judicial Circuit

explained both Hinckley and Smith's vehicles were traveling west on Highway 278 near Chinaberry Road when the wreck occurred. Gabriel Hinckley was attempting to turn left on Chinaberry to go home when Smith, who was two cars behind, passed another vehicle on a double yellow line. This resulted in Smith crashing into the driver's side door of Hinckley's truck, causing it to overturn and the roof to be crushed in. This account was backed up by consistent stories from other drivers who witnessed the wreck.

The S.C. Highway Patrol investigated the wreck and determined the approximate speeds of the two vehicles at the time of the wreck – 16 miles per hour for Hinckley's truck and 54 miles per hour for Smith's SUV. However, Miller said Smith's pre-impact speed was calcu-



Crystal Williamson hugs her son Kaleb in this undated photo.

lated to be 73 miles per hour. "There is no evidence he was impaired," said Miller of Smith, who was examined at the scene by law enforcement. "It appears

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## Ulmer man charged in fatal wreck

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Michael Kears Mathias Jr.

A three-car collision on Highway 300 left two dead, one charged, and several injured on the evening of Friday, Jan. 20. This marked the county's first traffic fatality this year.

Michael Kears Mathias Jr., 26, of Ulmer, was charged with two counts of felony driving under the influence resulting in death by a magistrate judge in Barnwell County on Jan. 23.

Brandon Davis, 37, of Springfield, Ga. was pronounced dead at the scene of the Jan. 20 accident, and Hunter Scharber, 27, of Bamberg died from injuries at Augusta University Medical Center the following night.

Shortly after the time of the accident, "a search warrant was conducted for the blood" of Mathias to later confirm inebriation, according to the arrest warrant.

Near Allens Chapel Road in Ulmer at 8:30 p.m., three vehicles were traveling east: a 2015 Chevy Equinox SUV driven by a 54-year-old female from Ulmer in front, a 2015 Ford F-250 with a 26-year-old female driver from Fairfax and a 26-year-old male passenger from Sycamore in the middle, and a 2015 Ford F-150 containing five people in the rear.

When the F-250 went to pass the Chevy Equinox, so did the F-150. This resulted in the F-150 colliding with the F-250 which subsequently hit the Chevy Equinox.

The F-150 then ran off the right side of the roadway and overturned, hitting a tree in the process.

The People-Sentinel has received varying accounts of

the sequence of events, and the case is still being investigated by the South Carolina Highway Patrol's (SCHP) Multidisciplinary Accident Investigation Team (MAIT). This is the sequence of events that was relayed by the SCHP Victim's Advocate at Mathias' bond hearing on Jan. 23.

In the F-150 were five individuals: Mathias, who was the driver, his 20-year-old brother, Drake, 36-year-old Justin Carrigan from Georgia, Davis, and Scharber.

The driver and passenger of the F-250 and the driver of the Chevy Equinox both sustained minor injuries that were treated at the scene.

Mathias sustained a broken cheek and nose, several broken ribs, over 40 stitches and staples in his face, various cuts, and a lacerated kidney.

According to the SCHP Victim's Advocate at Mathias' bond hearing, Davis, Scharber, and Carrigan were ejected from the vehicle.

The SCHP Victim's Advocate continued to explain how the evening transpired; Carrigan sent a text to Davis asking him

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## 'The Well' builds community one person at time

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All the food was long gone before the official grand opening of The Well on January 17.

The Well is a multipurpose room meant to help the community from food giveaways to resume building and coined its name from 'the well' of resources this building will provide to Barnwell County residents.

While the community pantry and collaborative space was set to open at 11 a.m., the food giveaway started hours earlier when cars began to line up at the Jackson Street location.

Based on the volume of people who attended The Well on its first day, organizers were able to gauge how to proceed moving forward.

"We've learned a lot from



Pam McKnight, director of The Well, cuts the ribbon at the grand opening.

Alexandra Whitbeck / Reporter

this experience on how we can change and do better next time. I definitely see the need this is filling in the community," said Jessica Bradshaw, member of the HEALing Partners coalition and contributing force in bringing The Well to fruition alongside creator and visionary, Pam

McKnight. "This is Pam McKnight's brainchild, and I am honored that she asked me to come along and help her develop this," said Bradshaw.

"God blessed me to link arms with Jessica, and Jessica brought in Dawn Snead and some other

partners, and so together we were able to push it through," said McKnight. "This is a dream come true."

McKnight had an idea to create a facility like The Well all her life. She envisioned a hub

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# County contributes \$1 million to hospital pension plan

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**Barnwell County Clerk of Court Rhonda McElveen administers the oath of office to newly-elected councilmen (from left) David Kenner, Daniel Alexander, and Harold Buckmon at the Jan. 10 council meeting.**

Alexandra Whitbeck / Reporter

The gavel was passed to newly-seated Chairman Jerry Creech at the Jan. 10 Barnwell County Council meeting.

Councilman Harold Buckmon served as chairman until the seat's two-year rotation at the beginning of 2023, and was presented a plaque honoring his continued service to the county in this position.

Councilman Daniel Alexander, Councilman David Kenner, and Councilman Buckmon were all sworn in by Barnwell County's Clerk of Court, Rhonda McElveen, after being re-elected to the council in November 2022.

## Hospital Pension Plan

The council approved a \$1 million contribution to the Barnwell County Hospital Pension Fund to keep the promises made by previous councils to former hospital employees.

Councilman Alexander broke down the ways he and the finance committee have been working over the past year to continue the commitments made to former employees of the Southern Palmetto Hospital who are under the hospital pension plan.

Although the Barnwell County Hospital Retirement Plan is currently fully funded, it is funded on an as needed basis by the county. The finance committee alongside a team from McGriff Insurance Services worked to figure out a funding plan that would benefit pensioners.

Through coordination with treasurer Sandra Cochran and the county's financial team, it has been determined that a \$1 million contribution to the pension fund needs to be made from the general fund.

Councilman Alexander described this as the "first step in creating a sustainable pension plan for the former employees."

This will not only show the dedication of the county to live up to the commitments made by previous councils, but maintain the pension fund.

When Southern Palmetto Hospital closed abruptly in January 2016, it left an entire staff of medical personnel with-

out jobs. The facility closed due to a decline in patients and financial despair after serving the community for over 60 years as the only hospital in the county.

## Museum Board

The Barnwell County Museum Board has faced upheaval in recent months with the removal and reappointment of various members. At the December 13, 2022 county council meeting, Porter Claytor spoke to the council regarding his termination from the board.

"Since I was not afforded any reasonable explanation for my being fired from the museum board I would like to go on record in an effort to leave some honor in my name," said Claytor at the meeting.

During public comment, Claytor detailed his short and confusing time on the board under the leadership of former chairman Milton Harden.

Claytor became aware the museum had \$80,000 of alleged unspent funds, and he began to inquire why it was not used for the building's needed renovations when he joined.

The museum has been stalled in a couple projects over the past years. The projects have continued to slow down due to supply chain issues from the pandemic which led to complications with contractors. This has been discussed by Harden and council members at past committee and county council meetings.

"I respectfully ask of the council what the concerns were, who actually had them, and why was the museum's health



**New Chairman Jerry Creech (left) shakes hands with outgoing chairman Harold Buckmon at the beginning of the Jan. 10 Barnwell County Council meeting.**

not taken into consideration," said Claytor of his removal.

According to Claytor, he was informed by County Administrator Tim Bennett via email there was, "concern that included the way Board Chairman Milton Harden had been treated."

In his statement, Claytor found this situation to be "an injustice more to the county than myself," and "proof the 'Good-Ole-Boy' network that does not care for fairness or truth."

Harden served the museum board from 2019 until his resignation in late 2022. Harden stepped down from this position after navigating supply chain and communication issues on the various renovation projects.

After his resignation, Harden was open to re-joining the board in the future provided there is clarity and communication from the county.

"The museum board, once chaired by Mr. Harden, and the museum staff of Ms. Harber and Ms. Geter have guided the museum through rough financial times and

through the challenges of renovating portions of the museum building that need work," said Administrator Bennett. "It has been an ongoing challenge to renovate portions of the building due to the lack of sufficient funding and the impact of the current economic times where there's been difficulty finding construction contractors. From the county staff's perspective, we would welcome Mr. Harden back to the museum board anytime."

At the Jan. 10 meeting, Chairman Creech appointed Harden back to the museum board as a member. The museum board will elect its next chairman at a future meeting.

## Recreation

Pam Rush, director of the Axis I Center, provided an update on the four upcoming pickleball courts at the Barnwell County YMCA.

The county Recreation Commission, which Rush is a member of, recommended the contract be signed with Terra Excavating, LLC, of Augusta, Ga., for a tentative

\$230,000 to construct the courts.

Rush explained the commission recommended this company to the council for approval because they asked detailed questions and provided thorough feedback of the project. Council approved this contract based on the commission's recommendation.

The cost of this court construction is coming from grant funding provided by Axis I Center and partners.

A geotechnical survey is planned to be conducted to determine the best location at the YMCA for the courts. This survey will look at the physical characteristics of the ground and based on the results, may raise or lower the predicted cost of \$230,000.

Councilman Kenner inquired about the pickleball courts coming to Blackville, and Rush said Blackville courts will be the next to be tackled. A separate contract for these courts will have to be sought and the recreation commission hopes it can be accomplished by Terra Excavating, LLC.

Chairman Creech also detailed some other new facets coming to the YMCA such as an additional sidewalk at the main gate as well as a pool cover.

\$70,000 has already been donated toward the fundraiser to get a pool cover. This cover would allow students involved in the emerging swimming team at Barnwell High School to use the pool year round.

Chairman Creech also expressed interest in re-vamping Barnwell County's state park during

his time as chairman to attract more visitors and better serve residents.

## Landfill

The Solid Waste Engineering contract was awarded to LaBella Associates of North Charleston for projects at the county landfill and other related projects.

LaBella Associates was one of three companies who responded.

Fees with respect to each project will be determined in the proposal for the specific project.

## Retail Strategies

Retail Strategies is a nationwide company that works with municipalities to increase economic development and energize downtown revitalization.

The company created a proposal to bring their services to Barnwell County in 2023 and 2024 through partnerships with local municipalities and agencies.

The goal is to foster new development in the retail sector in the cities of Blackville, Barnwell, and Williston with the financial assistance and support of the Barnwell Economic Development Commission (Barnwell EDC), Southern Palmetto Regional Chamber of Commerce, Southern Carolina Alliance, and Barnwell County.

Councilman Alexander expressed at the council meeting that the finance committee felt it was a good program to support.

The proposed investment per year for 2023 and 2024 differs for each organization involved. These numbers and partnership are not finalized as this is a proposal, and has not yet been approved by all councils involved.

The Barnwell EDC is tentatively set to invest \$20,000, Barnwell County is set to invest \$10,000, the City of Barnwell is requested for \$5,000, and both towns of Williston and Blackville are planned to invest \$2,500 each.

The total contract cost is \$40,000 per year, and municipalities can use funding from the federal American Rescue Plan Act for these services if they choose to work with Retail Strategies.

The effort is to solicit 30 retailers, restaurants, brokers and/or developers each year to market retail opportunities within the county at large.

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# Golden Retreat Activity Center celebrates eight years of serving Blackville's senior citizens



Blackville seniors enjoy food and activities at the anniversary celebration for the Golden Retreat Activity Center on January 18.



Bingo is a popular activity at Blackville's senior center.

Alexandra Whitbeck / Reporter

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Golden Retreat Activity Senior Center in Blackville celebrated eight years of serving seniors and the life of Martin Luther King Jr. on the morning of January 18.

After the introduction of the special guests – lifesize cardboard cutouts of Barack and Michelle Obama – the festivities began.

Ethel Faust, executive director of Generations Unlimited (GU), welcomed those in attendance who she refers to as ‘seasoned citizens’ rather than senior citizens in respect to their wealth of knowledge and experience.

“Seniors today are not the seniors of yesterday,” said Faust at the Blackville Town Council meeting held the evening prior to the anniversary event.

At the anniversary event, bingo numbers were called, cornhole bags were tossed, and concentration was played by all participating for a prize of household goods and/or cleaning supplies.

Aside from a guest appearance from the cardboard versions of the Obamas, multiple guest speakers shared their appreciation for the center at the event.

“It makes me feel good in my heart that the school district has given back to the community



Several guest speakers helped the Golden Retreat Activity Center celebrate eight years of service to the community's seniors, including (from left) Judith Richburg from Lower Savannah Council of Governments, David Corder from the Barnwell County Consolidated School District, Ethel Faust from Generations Unlimited, and Blackville Mayor Ronnie Pernell.



*“You all have wisdom, you have lived life, you have accomplished things our young folks need.”*

**- Blackville Mayor Ronnie Pernell,**  
on the importance and impact of the town's senior citizens

and there is a place for y'all to come,” said David Corder, Interim Director of Operations at Barnwell County Consolidated School District (BCCSD). “My heart has always been with Blackville, and I am so glad that y'all are enjoying this facility.”

Corder remembers when the fate of the building that now houses the senior center was being decided, and even when it was donated to the district under former superintendent Andy Sandifer in the early 2000s.

Golden Retreat Activity Senior Center was estab-

lished in January 2015 with the goal to provide programming and services for the county's elders. However, the building located at 59 Callahan Circle in Blackville was not always used for such.

“The former director asked if I would go before the school board to speak on Generations Unlimited's behalf to ask to use this building at the school board meeting, and it was approved,” said Gwendolyn Littlejohn, chairperson of Blackville Downtown Development Association.

Once the building was

in the hands of GU and partners like the Lower Savannah Council of Governments (LSCOG) Department of Human Services, programming for seasoned seniors was established.

Blackville native Judith “Judy” Richburg is the new director of regional aging programs at LSCOG, and reminded everyone of the importance of speaking your needs into existence.

“We are going to prophetically say these are the things that will be here,” said Richburg. “Remember that Martin

Luther King Day is a day to reflect on the progress that has already been made and the progress in the works, we're still working on it. Remember his legacy and continue his fight, which is our fight, because he was fighting for us.”

Richburg reminded the seasoned seniors in the crowd that their needs and wants mattered, and encouraged them to express these feelings to people who can enact direct change, like Mayor of Blackville, Ronnie Pernell. “I was saying to myself, ‘Who are the most impor-

tant people in Blackville?’ and it's the seniors,” said Mayor Pernell. “You all have wisdom, you have lived life, you have accomplished things our young folks need.”

“Our young folks are getting lost, and we can't get them back without the seniors,” said Mayor Pernell. “Whatever we can do from the Town of Blackville, just let us know.”

Mayor Pernell, Corder, and Faust are all looking forward to partaking in fun events at the Golden Retreat Activity Senior Center when they each reach the age to be considered a seasoned citizen.

“Hopefully I'll be joining y'all,” said Corder. “I can't wait to play bingo.”

Golden Retreat Activity Senior Center plans to be a part of the push to increase services in Blackville such as more Local Motion drivers to bring seniors both to and from the center. Also implementing a grant to provide pet care to seniors who own animals in partnership with Dr. Shannan Miller at Dogwood Animal Hospital.

The Golden Retreat Activity Senior Center is open Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

For more information on the Golden Retreat Activity Senior Center or to get involved with the many activities and programs offered, call (803) 219-7056 or visit ‘Blackville Senior Center’ on Facebook.



Photos By: Alexandra Whitbeck / Reporter



## 70 race in Reindeer Run

70 runners and a couple of four-legged contestants registered for the Barnwell County Family YMCA's 7th Annual Reindeer Run on Saturday, December 17 at Lake Edgar Brown in Barnwell. Many of which were dressed in festive holiday sweaters.

Due to this many runners, the YMCA was able to raise \$1200 toward their Annual Campaign for 2022, which completes the fundraiser goal for this year.

The race began by the lake side of Mr. B's and spanned across the walking bridge at the lake. As runners crossed Wellington Rd., a Barnwell County Sheriff's Deputy monitored traffic and Sheriff Steve Griffith cheered on runners alongside YMCA staff.



## Homemaker's Column

### Soup for cold winter days



**Christine Patrick**  
County Extension Agent

There are lots of good reasons to eat soup during January. Soup warms the body during the cold days of January and February, but it also warms the heart and soul. It's simple and it's the ultimate comfort food — always a welcome change after the holiday frenzy. And for those who made New Year's Resolutions to eat lighter, soup can be a healthy, guilt-free answer to the question, "What's for supper?"

Here are some ideas for making your soup recipes healthier:

- Make sure you're using low-sodium broth or bouillon cubes, otherwise you'll add a considerable amount of sodium to your recipes.
- Instead of using a cream for cream soups, consider adding pureed white beans, mashed potatoes, or silken tofu. These ingredients add a creamy texture without all the saturated fat of

real cream. Or simply substitute fat-free milk.

- Wherever possible, add more vegetables or beans to your soup recipes or even to canned soups. These foods add variety, color, and texture along with fiber and important nutrients.

- When purchasing canned soups, select those that are lower in sodium per serving than most of the national brands. Ideally, it's good to choose canned soups that have about the same number of calories and milligrams (mg) of sodium. For example, if a serving of soup has 100 calories, it should have only 100 – 200 mg of sodium. Most national brands contain 600 or more mg of sodium for that amount. It pays to read the label. You can offset this by adding rice, pasta, or potatoes.
- If your favorite accompaniment to soup is a grilled cheese sandwich, use whole-grain bread and low-fat or fat-free cheese.

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### The woods are full of folks who'll take advantage of you



**Phil Hudgins**  
Contributor

My wife called the company providing service for our "devices" — cellphones, iPads — to see why our bill had increased. She was transferred to customer service.

The woman said, "Well, let's see what I can come up with."

What she came up with was a plan that would not lower the bill, but actually add 60 more dollars. She was messing with the wrong person this time.

My bride is normally a calm, easygoing lady, but don't try to pull one over on her. As an accountant, she's quick with figures.

"Look," she told the woman, "I called to ask why our bill had gone up, and you're trying to charge us 60 dollars more. This had better not show up on our bill."

The woman said something about offering an "upgrade," just before my wife repeated her implied threat and hung up.

So what's going on here? Is it bait and switch? No, that's not the right term. I think it's called upselling. Also deception. You ask about one thing, an increase in your bill, and you're bamboozled by a double talking customer service person selling "upgrades" and end up paying more.

It's everywhere, it seems. In a weak moment a few days ago, I answered the phone when I shouldn't have. It was a smooth-talking dude requesting support for a police fund.

I support law enforcement, but

I'm leery of some of these telephone solicitations. This fellow, though, was actually convincing.

After pledging \$35, I asked how much of the money actually went to support the police.

The man pretended he didn't understand the question. I persisted, asked again.

"Well," he said, "it's 90 and 10 percent."

"OK, 90 percent for the police is good," I thought to myself, but I wanted to make sure that's what he meant. No, he finally fessed up. Ten percent goes to the police. Ninety percent is for administration.

It was a little late to complain; I had already pledged the 35 bucks, and I sent the money, as promised. But I also stressed to the caller that I wouldn't do it again.

A few years ago, I left my car with a local mechanic, thinking the right-front strut had gone bad. Yes, he said in a phone call later, it's bad, so let's go ahead and change the other one while we're at it.

Turned out, I discovered elsewhere that neither strut was bad. The mechanic was trying to bamboozle me.

Now, before I sound like a chronic naysayer, I must say this: Many companies have people who genuinely serve — that's the operative word, serve — their customers. In fact, my wife talked to one of them after the upselling attempt. This guy understood the problem and offered a way to actually lower the bill. Now that's customer service.

And there are a lot of great charities that deserve our support. And I have had wonderful mechanics who would not fix something that didn't need fixing.

But we must be careful. Deceivers are multiplying like bunny rabbits.



**Donna-Maria Conzalina**  
Columnist

Well, gosh. A year has come and gone since I first shared this column here in the sweet South. This series originated over a decade ago while I was living in upstate NY. The title, *Natural Affections*, represents the mirrored unity between our Creator's landscape and our equally, beautifully complex human nature.

This world our Lord gave us and the moments we get to share, experiencing it with each others, inspire me so. I long to express every gift of beauty, lessons learned, blessings and hopes He puts on my heart; with a prayer and hope that you too, dear reader, might be able to experience the blessings

## Natural Affections

### A Year of Hope

with me.

So last year when I re-introduced this column; that first January through December I shared verses of the following poem month by month and asked God to lead me from there with words that might stir, possibly even just one soul.

Since then a few folks have approached me and shared how, through these words, He has indeed spoken a word of hope to you too. Amen.

Hope is such a divine sense that attaches us closer to faith. Like the pulse of a heartbeat for our spiritual selves. "For I know the plans I have for you", declares The Lord, "Plans to prosper you and not harm you, plans to give you hope and a future." Jeremiah 29:11

What a powerful promise that verse is to bank on. It's filled with trust, peace, love, confidence, and hope. And so, as long as He is willing to use me as yet another instrument of peace in His love song of hope for mankind, I'm

thankful to Him; to you, for your readership and for the publishers who continue to print my rambling thoughts.

In an era when it's sadly becoming "politically incorrect" to mention Christianity, I applaud publishers like Jonathan Vickery, here, owner of *The People-Sentinel*, who encourage testimonies of faith between the pages of the secular world's hard news. Right on, sir, and sincerely, thank you for helping give more power to the people!

And so, as this second year starts up for *Natural Affections*, before the format changes, I'd like to share the poem, *A Year of Hope*, in its entirety and welcome you to contact me through email [naturalaffectionscolumn@gmail.com](mailto:naturalaffectionscolumn@gmail.com), if you have thoughts that He might use to inspire a future message. Bless you all. And God, please, help us help You, Bless America.

### A Year of Hope

*January brings quiet, by the fireside we rest,  
As we welcome the New Year may it bring out our best.  
For each year we're wiser than the year before.  
January we welcome you like a friend at our door.*

*February we notice the beginning of thaw.  
With each day that passes our hearts warm a bit more.  
Woolen coats, gloves and hats, now part of a winter past.  
February you'll be taking Northern winds with you alas.*

*March comes softly, dressed in cool green.  
Gentle breezes blow wildflower seeds among this season of dreams.  
We plant our azaleas and crepe myrtle trees.  
March is the doorway to which spring leads.*

*April the land is covered with farmers as they sow.  
Bless the workers and the fields in which they plant the seeds to grow.  
As the sun shines longer now throughout the day,  
April warn the workers as they work and the children as they play.*

*May charms the eyes of the soul, with its beauty everywhere.  
Like a newborn baby mother holds, graced with love and time to care.  
Array with lilies, rosebuds and shasta daisies, soft sounds of morning birds that sing.  
May prepares to open Summers' door, as she tenderly tucks in Spring.*

*June arrives like Father Time with his tale children long to hear.  
The days have come now to unwind. School's out, oh how they cheer!  
Long summer days have just begun; dragonflies and dandelions.  
June watches the children as they laugh and run; swinging, hopscotch and kite flying.*

*July celebrates our homeland. Honor the Red, White and Blue.  
So proudly now we make our stand. United strength tried-and-true.  
Fireworks abound, light the midsummer sky.  
Neighborhoods aromatic of bbq and apple pie.  
July praises this life we live with pride. We know God's always on our side.*

*August tints rainbows across the sky, while we enjoy these passing days and nights.  
For like the boaters on cypress lakes; the season drifts, then sails on by.  
Memories of vacation days to collect, moments to keepsake and retrospect.  
August a passage of summer play, as we cast off these days to Labor Day.*

*September announces summer's refrain,  
Children at bus stops in the early morning again.  
Football stadiums echo of supporting cheer; the band plays on the fans are all here!  
September befriends us as Autumn gathers, Be well included as we climb life's ladders.*

*October your blue skies, your crisp morning air;  
Bring thoughts of masquerading and anticipating the fair.  
The autumn leaves change colors, as they costume the trees.  
October enchantment is there to see,  
Between childhood dreams and make-believe.*

*November days are no doubt shorter,  
When Old Man Wind comes whistling the refraining melody only he can sing.  
How can it be that Winter's coming; the holidays already here?  
November thanks are truly given, as rustling leaves harmonize with family near.*

*December eyes see the Northern Star shine;  
The lights of Town Square, garland homes dressed in holiday cheer.  
Every heart remembering the birth of One Child, within our little village of smiles.  
December a wise journey we've traveled all year.  
Bless the pathways ahead and to God keep us near.*

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# Rep. Wilson unveils 2023 legislative agenda

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Rep. Joe Wilson unveiled his legislative agenda for 2023 in front of the Barnwell County Courthouse on Jan. 13. Pictured from left: Erin Harrison (district aide for the Barnwell/Aiken office), Barnwell businessman Don Alexander, Barnwell City Councilwoman Peggy Kinlaw, Rep. Wilson, Barnwell County Councilman Ben Kinlaw, and Barnwell County Councilman Daniel Alexander.

Jonathan Vickery / Publisher

U.S. Rep. Joe Wilson held his annual media tour on Jan. 13.

Making stops in Barnwell, Aiken, North Augusta, and West Columbia, the Republican congressman for the Second Congressional District unveiled his legislative priorities for 2023, including creating jobs and economic growth, promoting conservative solutions, combating inflation, and safeguarding the military and national security.

"I look forward to working with the new Republican majority (in the U.S. House)," he said, as they work toward upholding "conservative principles."

One key priority is to create jobs and promote economic growth.

This is done by working with local chambers of commerce, protecting

South Carolina's "Right to Work" laws, promoting tax cuts that created record job growth in the past, and eliminating burdensome regulations that destroy jobs. He said he was thrilled to see development happening

in downtown Barnwell with the renovation of the former Evelyn's Jewelry and Berley's Pharmacy buildings.

Continuing to be an advocate for more missions at the Savannah River Site (SRS), the ar-

ea's largest employer, is also vital.

"I have a real appreciation for what that means for national security," said Wilson, the only member of the U.S. House of Representatives to have worked at SRS.

At the top of the list for promoting conservative solutions is supporting a balanced budget amendment to the U.S. Constitution.

"The debt being forced onto our children, grandchildren, and

great-grandchildren is outrageous," said Rep. Wilson.

He also wants to focus on limiting IRS overreach targeting families and businesses, advocating for local school governance and choice, supporting police by opposing any defunding legislation, and advancing innovative healthcare solutions like telemedicine.

To combat inflation, Wilson wants to encourage domestic energy production/independence,

boost domestic manufacturing to help small businesses grow and create jobs, protect the supply chain, promote fiscal responsibility by reducing government spending, and defending Social Security and Medicare.

The final component of his legislative agenda is to safeguard the nation's military and national security.

"We must work to secure our borders," he said.

It's also important to ensure veterans receive quality healthcare, protect TRICARE benefits for military families/retirees, and deter economic and military threats from Russia, China, Iran, and other aggressors.

As he met with local leaders and citizens, Rep. Wilson said he has fond memories of coming to Barnwell County as a child to hunt for quail and dove at Fuller Pond.

"I always thought Barnwell was a resort," he said.

For more information on Rep. Wilson, go to <https://joewilson.house.gov>. His Aiken/Barnwell office (1930 University Parkway, Aiken) can be reached at (803) 642-6416.

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## No attendance at Barnwell community needs meeting leaves hope for Allendale and Bamberg counties

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The Lower Savannah Council of Governments (LSCOG) held their annual Needs Assessment for the six counties in the region to discuss issues community members want to prioritize. However, no one showed up to share their ideas at Barnwell County's event.

The Barnwell County Council Chambers were vacant on Tuesday, January 17 aside from LSCOG Community & Economic Development Projects Manager Brooke Morris, Clerk to Council and Administrative Assistant Martha Thompson, and

The People-Sentinel.

"The LSCOG conducts annual needs assessment for each of the six counties in the region as a requirement of the South Carolina Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program. CDBG provides grants to eligible non-entitlement local governments for a variety of projects. The purpose of the needs assessment is to seek citizen input on community needs and prioritize those needs," said Morris.

Morris was prepared to hold a forum allowing citizens to voice their concerns on housing, public safety, infrastructure, public facilities, economic development, workforce development, and neighborhood revitalization.

"The lack of attendance at these events does not prevent the LSCOG from helping the community, but it does prevent us from having in-person interaction with the community and prioritizing future projects based on input gathered directly from the citizens," said Morris.

Each of these areas can be further addressed by

LSCOG, but they need input on where to start. Last year three of these areas were identified in Barnwell County—workforce development, infrastructure, and economic development. Morris noted these same areas of community concern for 2023 due to the lack of attendance.

Although Barnwell County residents missed the chance to share ways LSCOG can help their community, Allendale and Bamberg county residents still have an opportunity to do so in person.

LSCOG will be visiting Allendale County residents tentatively on February 7 at a location still to be determined.

Bamberg County residents will have a chance to have their voices heard on January 24 at 5:30pm at the County Council Chambers located at 2959 Main Highway, Bamberg.

LSCOG has created an online survey to generate more input from the community. All citizens in the Lower Savannah region are encouraged to participate. To view the survey, visit <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/M5MR5CX>.

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# Firefighters of the Year

## Williston Fire Department



Firefighter James Dennis (right) Top Responder



Assistant Chief Terry Glass (right) Top Responding Officer



Firefighter Kevin Carroll (left) received Firefighter of the Year. Presented by Deputy Chief Roger Kaney (right)

## Long Branch Department

Jessica Bordelon (left) and Brittany Lawson (right) tied for the Long Branch Firefighter of the Year award.



Assistant Chief Terry Glass (left) received the Chief G.W. Whitaker Award. Presented by Chief John Melton (right)

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service to Barnwell County.*



## Barnwell Rural Department

Elijah Matthews (left) receives the Firefighter of the Year award for the Barnwell Rural Fire Department from Chief Jessie Elmore (right).



## Barnwell City Department

Scotty Hankins (right) received the Firefighter of the Year award for the Barnwell City Fire Department. He was presented the award by Phillip Delk.



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## Jerry L. Zissett

Margie Nell Sanders. He was an Army veteran and served in Germany, as well as a truck driver for Savannah River Site for 43 years.

He is survived by his wife, Annette C. Zissett of Barnwell; son, Kelvin Zissett of Barnwell; daughter, Trina (Chris) Cheek of Barnwell; brothers, Vernon (Yevone) Zissett of Barnwell, and Mike Zissett of Barnwell; grandchildren, Bailey (Brittani) Cheek and Trevor Cheek. He is preceded in death by his brother, Ronnie Zissett;

sister, Elaine Z. Correll; and grandson, Christopher Cheek.

A graveside service was held Monday, January 23rd, 2023 at the Mt. Lebanon Christian Church Cemetery at 3 p.m. Rev. Ron Franklin and Rev. Ted Still officiated.

Mole Funeral Home assisted the family. Sign the online guestbook at [molefh.com](http://molefh.com).

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## Esther Cheek Taylor

a WMU Director for the Barnwell-Bamberg Baptist Association for 8 years, and a retired Executive Secretary for Savannah River Site. She was a former member of Seven Pines Baptist Church and a member of the First Baptist Church of Barnwell.

She is survived by her husband, George Taylor; brother, Carroll (Sharon) Cheek of Santee; sons, Gerald (Annette) Moore of Snelling, and Paul (Sheree) Moore of Snelling; daughter, Melanie Moore Corell of Martin; grandchildren, Dana C. (Mike) Wood of Edgefield, Mia (George) Handberry of Martin, Creig Corell of Barnwell, and Carla Moore of Atlanta, Ga.;

great-grandchildren Cory Wood, Cordie Handberry and Leighton Handberry.

She is preceded in death by her grandson, Jason Moore; great-grandson, Ryan Wood; brother, Hyman Cheek; husbands, Willard Moore and Ralph Williams; and son-in-law, Ralph Corell.

A graveside service was held Thursday, January 19th, 2023 at 2 p.m. at the Barnwell County Memorial (Airport) Cemetery. The family visited with friends at the cemetery after the service.

Mole Funeral Home of Barnwell assisted the family. Sign the online guestbook at [molefh.com](http://molefh.com).

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BARNWELL - Jerry L. Zissett, 72, passed away on January 19th, 2023. He was born in Orangeburg on December 26th, 1950 to the late James Zissett and

## Monica Townsend Hornsby

HOLMAN'S BRIDGE - A graveside funeral service for Monica Townsend Hornsby, 57, of the Holman's Bridge Community, was held at 1 p.m., Friday, January, 20, 2023 at the Blackville Cemetery, with the Reverend Jeffrey Ray officiating.

Monica passed away January 17, 2023.

Born in Richland County, she was a daughter of the late Harvey Edward Townsend and Annette Collum Townsend. She was married to her best friend, Jesse Ronald Hornsby, for 35 years. Monica previously worked as a guard for the S.C. De-

partment of Corrections and as a CNA at Laurel Crest Retirement Community in West Columbia. Monica loved the Holman's Bridge Community and the Edisto River. She dearly loved her children and grandchildren and enjoyed spending time with them.

Survivors include her loving husband, Jesse Hornsby of the home; their children, Jessica Lynn Hornsby (Ty Sturkie) of Swansea, Jesse Ronald Hornsby Jr. (Alyssa Gilstrap) of Lexington, and Jade Victoria Hornsby (David Hoffman) of Holman's Bridge; their grand-

children, Jasmine, Malory, Kaylee and Aerial; a brother-in-law, Don Hornsby of Gaston; a sister-in-law, Darlene (Johnny) Hull of West Columbia; and a number of nieces, nephews and cousins.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her sister, Stephanie Townsend; brothers-in-law, Wayne Hornsby and David Hornsby.

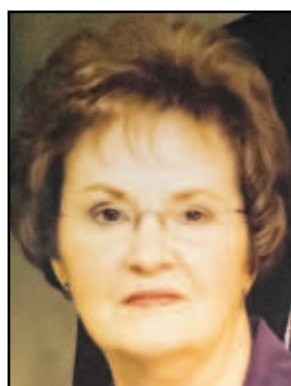
Folk Funeral Home, Inc. and Crematory assisted the family with arrangements. Visit the online registry at [www.folkfuneralhome.com](http://www.folkfuneralhome.com).

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BARNWELL - Esther Cheek Taylor, 91, passed away on January 16th, 2023. She was born in Barnwell on May 9th, 1931 to the late Charles Carroll Cheek and Corene Brooker Cheek.

Esther was a loving wife, mother, grandmother, and great-grandmother. She was a Sunday School teacher for over 50 years,

## Geneva Hayes Still



late Charles Robert and Alice Walton Hayes. She retired from DHEC as Barnwell County Deputy Registrar. She was a member of Friendship Baptist Church. She loved visits from her children and grandchildren. She enjoyed listening to gospel music. She was a loving wife, mother and grandmother and will be missed by many.

Survivors include her husband of 69 years, John Heyward Still Jr.; sons, Danny Still of Isola, MS, Mike (Val) Still of Augusta, Ga.; daughter, Beverly (Sandy) Nettles of Wiliston, S.C.; one sister, Betty H. Roach of Knoxville, TN; nine grandchildren, Brent (Sasha) Still of Clinton, MS, Erik (Courtney) Still of Barnwell, S.C., Kellee (Ryan) Burke of Toomsaba, MS, Beth (Tony) Faulkner of N.

Augusta, S.C., Patti Still of Boca Raton, Fla., Matthew (Lacey) Bradham of Aiken, S.C., Michael (Mandy) Bradham of Aiken, S.C., Patrick (Kandice) Nettles of Bamberg, S.C. and Ross (Lindsey) Nettles of Barnwell, S.C.; sixteen great-grandchildren and numerous nieces and nephews.

She was predeceased by one brother; Charles Robert Hayes Jr; three sisters, Viola Hayes, Gladys H. Melton and Dixie H. Houck; and great-grandson, Jaden Still.

In lieu of flowers donations may be made to St. Jude Children Hospital, 501 St. Jude Place, Memphis, Tennessee 38105.

The family has entrusted Dyches Funeral Home and Crematory of Barnwell with arrangements.

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## Felicia Terrapin Neal

Administrative Assistant in Medical Records at the Savannah River Plant.

Funeral services will be held on Friday, January 27, 2023 at 11 a.m. in the Mole Funeral Home Chapel with Rev. Tom Cuny officiating. Burial will follow in the Barnwell County Memory Gardens Cemetery on Reynolds Rd. A visitation will be held on Thursday evening from 6 to 8 p.m. at Mole Funeral Home and at other times the family will be at the home of Helen and Mac Knopf, 5756 Boiling Springs Rd., Barnwell, S.C. 29812.

Felicia is survived by her loving husband, Travis Neal; daughters, Helen Brown (Mac) Knopf of

Barnwell, Cherokee Brown Miner of Barnwell, and Amber Brown of Barnwell; brother, Francis "Sonny" Terrapin of Ruffin; grandchildren, Jamarr Livingston, Trey (Whitney) Knopf, Felicia Knopf, Kia (Thomas) Miner, and Bradley Miner; great-grandchildren, Rylan Livingston, Keaston Still, Ella Grace Knopf, and Jaydon Livingston.

Felicia was predeceased by her first husband, Edgar Brown.

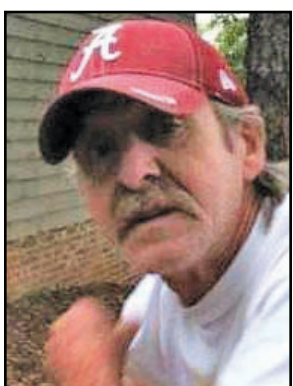
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HILDA - Felicia Terrapin Neal of Hilda, 75 years old, passed away peacefully at her home on Sunday, January 22, 2023.

Felicia was born on February 7, 1947 in Pryor, Oklahoma to the late Frances Marion and Helen DeMurtas Terrapin. She was a member of St. Andrew Catholic Church of Barnwell and a retired

## Paul Dewayne "Durwood" Allen



Salley, passed away on January 19, 2023.

Born in Gary, Indiana, he was a son of the late J.B. Allen and Ellis Jean Uptain and was married to Tracy C. Allen. Durwood moved to Aiken in 1981, he was of the Baptist faith and was a retired painter. Durwood loved to listen to all music. He enjoyed good times and conversations with his friends and family. Durwood was a die-hard Alabama fan... Roll Tide Roll.

Survivors include his wife of the home; son, Codie Cantara of Aiken; brothers, Glenn Allen and Billy Allen, both of Jasper, Alabama.

No formal services are planned at this time.

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## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Events	Meetings
<b>Feb. 15-17 &amp; 20</b> <b>Williston Spring Sports Registration</b> Registration for the Town of Williston's recreation department will take place at Coach Hewitt's office at Williston Town Hall. Cost is \$35. Birth certificate required. <b>Ages:</b> T-Ball, ages 4-6 (cannot turn 7 before May 1); Coaches Pitch, ages 7-9 (cannot turn 10 before May 1); Williston Majors (baseball), ages 10-12 (cannot be 13 before May 1) <b>4-6pm</b>	<b>Jan. 26</b> <b>Allendale Barnwell Counties Disabilities &amp; Special Needs Board of Directors Meeting</b> via telephone conference <b>12pm</b>
<b>Feb. 17, 18, 19, 24, 25, 26</b> <b>"Clown Car" Play Circle Theatre of Barnwell</b> 325 Academy St., Barnwell A murder mystery comedy. Tickets are \$15 in advance or \$20 at the door. Tickets will be on sale at <i>The People-Sentinel</i> office (222 Main Street, Barnwell) starting Feb. 6. <b>February 17, 18, 24 &amp; 25 at 7pm</b> <b>Feb. 19 &amp; 26 at 3pm</b>	<b>Feb. 9</b> <b>Friends of the Libraries of Barnwell County Meeting</b> Barnwell County Public Library Community Room <b>Thursday 1pm</b>
To promote your event, email the information to <a href="mailto:drichardson@thepeoplesentinel.com">drichardson@thepeoplesentinel.com</a> or fax it to (803) 259-2703.	

## Barnwell Library Events

<b>Feb. 6</b> <b>Barnwell County Library Board Meeting</b> Barnwell County Public Library Community Room <b>Monday 3:30pm</b>	<b>TWEENS/TEENS</b> <b>Black Panther Trivia Night</b> <b>Thurs., Feb. 23</b> Bring a friend or a cool parent and show how much you know about Black Panther and the kingdom he rules. The top two teams will win a prize. Play as a group of two or on your own. Register between Feb. 1st and Feb. 20th at the front desk. <b>5pm-6pm</b>	favorite valentine. <b>4pm-5pm</b>
<b>ADULTS</b> <b>Adult Craft Night</b> <b>Thurs., Feb. 2</b> Heart Door Hanger Decorate a cute heart for your front door. <b>5:30pm-6:30 pm</b>	<b>CHILDREN</b> <b>Ages 3 and Up Valentine Light Craft</b> <b>Wed., Feb. 8</b> Paint a wooden light up table decoration for your	<b>Ages 3 and Up African Inspired Pasta Jewelry</b> <b>Wed., Feb. 15</b> Paint and make your own pasta jewelry with African inspired colors and designs. <b>4:30pm-5:30pm</b>
<b>Potluck Book Club</b> <b>Tues., Feb. 28</b> We will be discussing <i>Becoming</i> by Michelle Obama. <b>4pm</b>	<b>VIRTUAL STORY TIME</b> <b>Thurs., Feb. 9 &amp; 23</b> Videos will be posted on Facebook at 11am	<b>STORY TIME</b> <b>at the Library</b> <b>Thurs., Feb. 2 &amp; 16</b> Children's Room <b>11am</b>



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## OWTstanding awards encourage students

**Donna-Maria Conzalina**  
Contributing Writer

For the second year in a row, Blackville-Hilda High School alumnus Omari Hendrix proudly presented two students with achievement awards at Macedonia Elementary-Middle School.

The OWTstanding Award was started in 2021 by Hendrix to recognize fifth grade elementary students who did a great job during the first semester of school. It's a tool he developed to encourage students by exhibiting that their extra effort and hard work is recognized.

Last year's students were presented the OWTstanding awards assembled in front of their peers. Hendrix said, "You could see the excitement they had on their faces for their classmates. They were given a round of applause by their fellow students

and teachers."

But this year, due to holiday and presentation conflict timing, recipients Travarius Johnson and Zachary Parish were presented their awards, along with gift certificates from McDonald's and Russell's Pizza, in the office alongside Principal Eryl Smalls and Assistant Principal Chelsea Calhoun. Hendrix said, "The effect was just the same."

Studies indicate that students' confidence and self-esteem soars when they feel acknowledged for who they are and recognized for their strengths and skills. Children who grow up feeling such support have a better chance of becoming confident, stable, and mature adults with inclinations to model the same behavior for the following generation.

Keeping students involved in school, church, and the community will, as Hendrix says, "certainly

produce viable citizens, community leaders, and community partners." He believes that students will be inspired by people they see doing positive things in the community they live in. "Maybe they'll want to give back too. I'm hoping that one day people will see this award and add to it or maybe even start one of their own," he said.

Hendrix added, "The OWTstanding Award means a lot to me because I'm able to give back to the kids of the local school. Hopefully, it'll give the recipients' peers some type of motivation to do good as well. People do things and a lot of those things often go unnoticed, and I wanted to show these kids that their hard work and effort during the school year will not go unnoticed."

Hendrix's goal is to make the OWTstanding Awards an annual recognition for students and expand them in the future.



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Hard work paid off for Macedonia Elementary-Middle School students Travarius Johnson and Zachary Parish who received OWTstanding awards. Blackville-Hilda High alumnus Omari Hendrix (back row, center) presented the awards to the students for achievements on the iReady test. Also pictured are Assistant Principal Chelsea Calhoun and Principal Eryl Smalls.

## WEHS student government visits nursing home



ABOVE: WEHS student government members deliver socks and blankets to the Williston nursing home. AT RIGHT: A student puts socks on a resident's feet.

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Williston-Elko High

deliver warm socks and blankets to the residents.

The residents and nurses were appreciative of the gifts as both the socks and the blankets will allow them to stay warm on those cold wintry nights.

The SGA members showed how important it is to care for and give unto others, especially during this time of year.

On Monday, December 12, 2022, Mrs. Cathy Smith, Mrs. Lindsey Bush, and the Student Government Association (SGA) members of Williston-Elko High School visited the Williston Healthcare and Rehabilitation center to



## Smalls to the wall

To celebrate, all of the students from Kelly Edwards Elementary in Williston who met their iReady goals in either Math, Reading, or both were able to tape their principal, Mrs. Monique Smalls, to the wall. The students enjoyed watching their principal hang from the wall.

## OC Tech announces college honors

The following local residents have been named honor students for the fall 2022 academic term at Orangeburg-Calhoun Technical College:

### President's List (full-time)

- Bamberg: Jennifer DeFrenn, Brant Mitchell, Ashby Ulmer, Abigail Williams
- Barnwell: Phoebe Black, Ronald Franklin, Jessie Hernandez, Justin Moore, Monica Salcido, David Stanford
- Blackville: Marquez Lawrence
- Denmark: Autumn Brightwell
- Ehrhardt: Thomas Jolly
- Fairfax: Kinsley Kinard
- Williston: Ashley Inabinet

### President's List (part-time)

- Bamberg: Haley Driggers, Paris Felder, Corey Robinson
- Barnwell: Stephanie Lott
- Denmark: Javiere Johnson
- Ehrhardt: Victoria Lyons

### Dean's List (full-time)

- Bamberg: Chandler Chavis
- Barnwell: Nathan Anderson, Pamela Bodiford
- Blackville: Makayla Baxley
- Fairfax: Jenna Sullivan
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### Dean's List (part-time)

- Barnwell: Jacob Padgett
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Barnwell School District 45 presently provides programs/services for children 3 to 21 who attend public or private school with the following categories of disabilities:

- ◆ Developmental Delay
- ◆ Intellectual Disability
- ◆ Specific Learning Disability
  - ◆ Emotional Disability
- ◆ Speech or Language Impairment
- ◆ Deafness and Hearing Impairment
  - ◆ Visual Impairment
  - ◆ Deaf-Blindness
- ◆ Orthopedic Impairment
- ◆ Other Health Impairment
- ◆ Traumatic Brain Injury
  - ◆ Autism
- ◆ Multiple Disabilities

Should you be aware of any such children who are in need of services, please contact Kim A. Rhoad at 541-1300 on weekdays between the hours of 8:00 to 4:00 p.m. All names of referred persons will remain confidential.



## Lewis honored with Triumph Award

By Laura J. McKenzie

Lottie M. Lewis of Allendale is one of 21 people recently awarded by the Racial Justice Network on Saturday, Dec. 3 in Charleston.

Honorees were recognized for the work that they are doing in the community and for being a role model that young people can look up to, according to the Racial Justice Network. Each was presented a "Triumph Award" during the formal banquet.

The organization's founder Elder Johnson said in presenting the award, "Lottie Lewis is one of the most hard-working women I

know. She works diligently - feeding, clothing, and working on elderly people's homes. The Racial Justice Network has repaired homes in Allendale because of Lottie Lewis' concern for the elderly."

"For the last two years, because of Lottie Lewis, the Racial Justice Network has bought hundreds of bicycles for kids," said Elder Johnson.

"I am proud to be a friend of Mrs. Lewis who cares about all people. God bless her and God keep her," he said.

Lewis said, "I am honored and greatly humbled to be a recipient of this award, especially for an award for service. As the Bible

says, we are not here to be served, but to serve."

Lewis is the founder of Emma's House, a non-profit organization serving children as well as others in the community. She is also the Allendale County Arts Maven, a member of the Southern Palmetto Regional Chamber of Commerce, chairwoman of the Allendale Rural Arts Team, as well as participating in other community organizations.

The Racial Justice Network is a multi-racial, grassroots organization committed to fighting for racial justice and building bridges across racial, social and economic lines.



Lottie M. Lewis of Allendale received a Triumph Award on Dec. 3 from the Racial Justice Network during a banquet held in Charleston.

Photo Submitted

## Trees donated to Allendale-Fairfax Middle School

Contributed  
Graci Hiers  
Southern Carolina Alliance

On Tuesday, December 13, 2022, Allendale-Fairfax Middle School received two Crape Myrtles as a gift from Southern Carolina Alliance and Keep Allen-

dale County Beautiful.

The trees were received through Palmetto Pride's 2023 Tree Grant Program.

The tree will be taken care of by the 6th and 7th grade students, and the students were invited to come back and visit the tree for years to come.



Newspaper reading adventures for little learners!

### Kid Scoop Junior

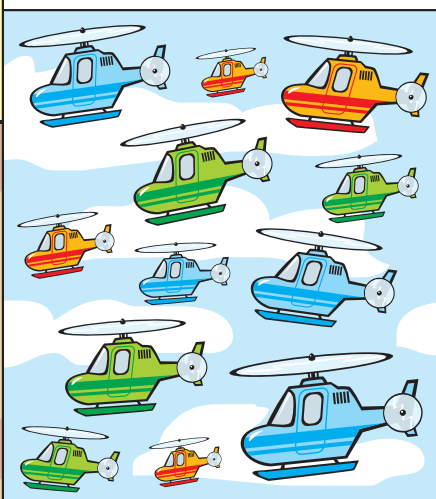
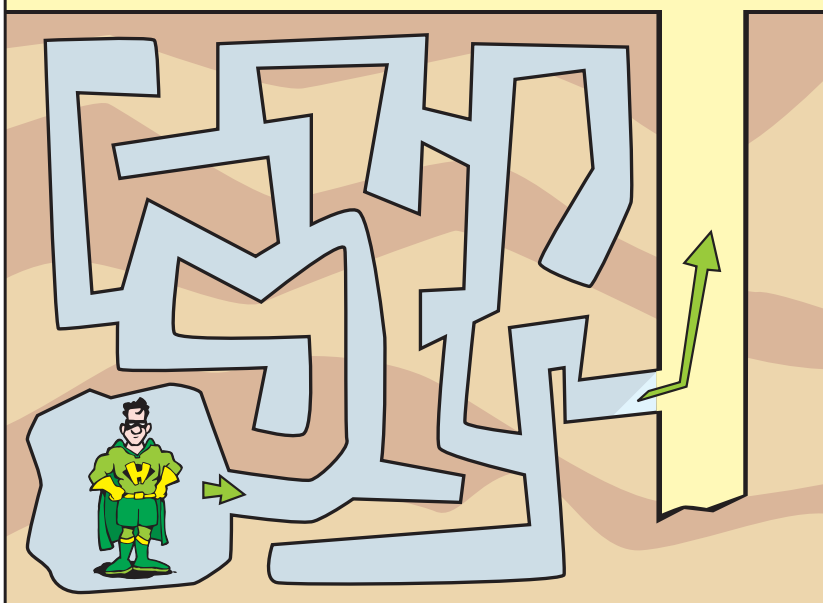
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My name: \_\_\_\_\_

**Learning Buddies:** Spell your child's first name, using the lines to write large letters. Use an uppercase letter for the first letter in the name and lowercase letters to spell the rest. Have your child trace the letters with a finger, crayon or pencil.

### Help the Hero

Help the super hero find his way out of the deep hole.

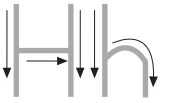


### My Rhyme Time

Helicopter flies way up high  
Over the clouds in the sky.  
It flies far away from here, then  
It flies right back home again.

### My Letters

H is for Helicopter  
h is for helicopter



**Learning Buddies:** Read the two phrases aloud. Have your child read with you. Trace the uppercase and lowercase letter H. Say the letter as you trace it.

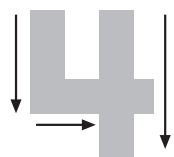
How many pictures can you find on this page that start with the sound that the letter H makes in the word **helicopter**?

### My Numbers

How many ?

How many ?

How many ?



**Learning Buddies:** Trace and say the number. Read the questions. Touch and count to find the answers.

### My Sentence

**Learning Buddies:** Read the first part of the sentence aloud. Ask your child to think of a way to finish the sentence. Write your child's words in the lines. Read the entire sentence to your child while pointing out that reading is done from left to right. Older children may want to trace all or some of the letters in the sentence.



Helicopters can \_\_\_\_\_



#### Sunday

##### Letter Identification

With your child, look through the newspaper to find pictures of things that have the same sound as the letter **H** in **helicopter**.

#### Monday

##### Math Play

Point to the number **4** in the newspaper. Have your child say the number and, if it's large enough, have your child trace the number.

#### Tuesday

##### Take a Trip

With your child, talk about and pick a place to go on an imaginary trip. Look through the newspaper for something that could take you to this place. Find other things in the paper that you would like to take on this trip.

#### Wednesday

##### H is for Hand

Have your child trace his/her hand on a sheet of newspaper. Next have your child circle all of the **h**'s that are inside the outline of the hand.

#### Thursday

##### Have AT It

Cut out the letters **a** and **t** from the headlines. Then cut out the letters **h**, **p**, **c** and **s**. Show your child how you can spell the words **hat**, **pat**, **cat** and **sat** simply by changing the first letter in front of the **at**.

#### Friday

##### Weather Report

Find the weather page of the newspaper. Look at the pictures that tell today's weather and the forecast for tomorrow's weather. Have your child look outside to see if the weather picture is accurate. Talk about what kind of clothes to wear.

#### Saturday

##### What's Under the Paper?

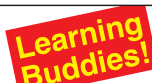
One at a time, put a toy or household object under a sheet of the newspaper. Let your child feel the object through the newspaper and try to guess what the object is.

Learning Buddy Sign Here

I have completed \_\_\_\_\_ activities with my Learning Buddy.

Learning Buddy's signature

Date



**Kid Scoop Junior** comes out once a week, but you can use the newspaper every day to prepare your child for success in school. Each daily activity focuses on a specific learning readiness skill.

**Step by Step Success** 1. Read the activity instruction aloud. 2. Show how to do the activity by doing it yourself first. 3. Ask your child to copy what you do.

## Dogwood Animal Hospital celebrates 15 years

**Alexandra Whitbeck**  
Reporter  
reporter@thepeoplesentinel.com

Dr. Shannan Miller and her staff at Dogwood Animal Hospital are celebrating 15 years of healing and helping animals in Barnwell and surrounding counties.

"I have been blessed to have the support of my family, friends, employees and clients," said Dr. Miller, who is also celebrating 25 years since graduating from the School of Veterinary Medicine at Tuskegee University.

Dr. Miller began her veterinary career in 1998 as an equine practitioner before moving to Barnwell County with her family in 2003.

"After moving to Barnwell, I became involved with the animal shelter," said Dr. Miller. "They were beginning an adoption program with pets being spayed and neutered. I sent in my application to be the veterinarian for the shelter and so it began."

While working with the Barnwell County Animal Shelter (BCAS), Dr. Miller saw the need for a consistent veterinary office pro-

viding specialized care in the tri-county region.

"I knew it would be a difficult task getting started but I felt the need and the support from my family, friends, and clients," said Dr. Miller.

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From left to right: Jessica Deer, Dr. Shannan Miller, Mary Duxbury, Cassie Cook, Lily Epperson, Annie Nipper, Sarah Reuber, Britney Williams, Ashleigh Peebles, and Dr. Samantha Oswald, plus canine Kim.

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deserves even if they cannot afford it in total.

Dr. Miller and her team are dedicated to providing "exceptional veterinary care to pets" which is why she has invested in new technology such as gastroscopy equipment and otoscope with video capabilities.

The new otoscope allows for Dr. Miller to look into an animal's ear much more clearly, seeing even the eardrum if needed.

"If I need to personalize it based on what your needs are and the dog's needs are and how we can make that work, then that's what I try to do, but I also want to be able to provide advanced care too," said Dr. Miller, which alleviates a patient from having to be sent to a specialist in Augusta or Colombia.

In addition to this new equipment, Dr. Miller also brought another associate to the team.

"We've gotten to pull some pretty cool stuff out of dogs that we didn't have to cut into them to get," said Dr. Samantha Oswald, Dr. Miller's newest associate and longtime friend. "We actually could just pull it out instead of having to do a very expensive, very timely surgery. That has been a blessing."

Dr. Miller met Dr. Oswald for the first time decades ago when she was caring for her grandfather's colicking horse.

"I had my children, both



# Sentenced: James Anthony Smith pleads guilty, sentenced in 2019 fatal wreck

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he was just driving completely recklessly.”

Though Smith does not have a criminal record, he does have an “extensive driving history,” said Miller. This includes six traffic citations for speeding, with the last one in 2019, and four reportable accidents in a 10-year history.

### Seeking Justice

Kaleb’s mother, Crystal Williamson, spoke on behalf of her family as she described the pain created by her son’s death.

“Every morning I wake up to a nightmare, a life without my son. Life is a daily struggle; sometimes it’s hard to just breathe. It’s been over three and a half years that I have lived this horrible nightmare that I will never wake up from,” said Williamson.

June 22, 2019 began with excitement as her daughter’s All-Star softball team won their game. As they headed home, that joy turned to sorrow as she got a call that her sons were in an accident. She arrived at the scene to find both sons trapped. She soon learned Kaleb was gone.

“I screamed a scream like no other. My legs went numb and I fell to the ground trying to make sense of what just happened. It was as if everything was in slow motion,” said Williamson.

She said one of the hardest things she’s ever had to do was tell Gabriel, who was in the hospital, that his brother was dead.

“Mamas are supposed to fix things, but I couldn’t even fix myself,” said Williamson, who describes

herself as a “broken mother” who will never be whole.

She remembers Kaleb for his loving, tender nature. “The one who would hold my hand when we were out, the one who would always make me laugh with the things he would say or the silly faces he would make,” she said. With his life cut short at 15 years old, Williamson said she and her family have been “cheated” out of so many memories. “I didn’t get to see him graduate or get married and have a family of his own,” she said.

The Barnwell High School Class of 2022, which Kaleb was part of, has helped the family keep his memory alive. “They have included this broken-hearted mama in everything, from fundraisers, balloon release and pep rallies,” said Williamson, who started the Kaleb Hinckley Scholarship.

Speaking on Kaleb’s behalf took all of Williamson’s strength, “but I stood and Kaleb and God stood with me.”

Speaking to Judge Courtney Clyburn-Pope, Williamson asked for justice for her son.

“I am very deeply sorry for your loss. I thank you for having the courage and ability to be here and speak to me,” said Judge Clyburn-Pope.

### Seeking Leniency & Forgiveness

Family and friends of Smith spoke about his character as they asked the judge for leniency and asked Hinckley’s family for forgiveness.

“He’s a great dad, a lov-



James Anthony Smith wipes away tears as he and his attorney, Erin O’Neal Gaddy, listen to Kaleb Hinckley’s mother, Crystal Williamson, talk about the loss of her son from an accident caused by Smith.

Jonathan Vickery / Publisher

ing husband, and a great provider for our family. He helps anyone he can,” said Smith’s wife.

He was also described as a hard worker, who often works 16-plus-hour days for a tree service company.

“I’ve never known him to be negligent. He takes time to do his job safely,” said friend Rebecca Winans.

On the day of the accident, he was coming home from work.

“He was tired and I believe he was just trying to get home,” said defense attorney Erin O’Neal Gaddy of how Smith was coming home from work. She said Smith had gone through the what-if scenarios of things he could have done differently that night.

The wreck left Smith with “severe depression and remorse,” said Mrs.

Smith, who expressed her own condolences to Kaleb’s family.

James Smith sobbed and wiped away tears as he heard from Hinckley’s family as well as his own. Those tears continued as he read a statement of his own.

Speaking to Kaleb’s family, Smith said he knows there are no words to take away the pain, heartache, and grief. However, he said he prays for the family daily.

“I pray you may find peace and comfort in your lives,” said Smith to Kaleb’s family. He also thanked his own family for their love and expressed his sorrow over the pain he’s caused them.

He said the accident caused him to realize just how precious time is because it can be taken away

in an instant.

Though she understands people look to the court for healing, Gaddy said she doesn’t believe incarceration is the best option for her client. She said being in jail would prevent Smith from contributing to society and providing for his family, including his three children, the youngest of which is three years old. Instead, she suggested he be sentenced to community service where he can share his story to help prevent similar situations from happening.

“He wants to share his story. I believe a lot of good will come from it. We want to create a new meaning of hope and prevention,” said Gaddy.

Since the accident, Mrs. Smith said her husband now tells everyone to be careful when driving.

“I want to raise awareness of taking time and not rushing while driving,” said Smith. “I don’t want Kaleb’s story to stop.”

“No matter the sentence of this court, Mr. Smith is imprisoned by this,” said Gaddy.

### The Sentence

After hearing testimony from both sides, Judge Clyburn-Pope took a recess to consider the sentence she would render. She returned and sentenced Smith to 10 years in prison, the maximum under state law. However, after he serves 36 months, the sentence will be suspended to five years of probation. Smith will be subject to drug/alcohol testing and must complete 100 hours of community service, which can include speaking at schools and non-profits about the importance of safe driving.

“Good luck to you Mr. Smith,” said the judge before concluding the hearing.

Just as her own family hurts, Williamson said she knows Smith and his family are also affected by this tragedy.

“As I looked across the courtroom, I saw a broken father just like this broken mother. He made lots of mistakes and broke many laws, but he has asked for my forgiveness and that’s what I have to do. I will never forget, and the pain will never go away, but justice was served today,” said Williamson on Facebook after the sentencing.

As both families continue their journey toward healing, Williamson asked for prayers for everyone.

# Charged: Michael Mathias charged with DUI in fatal weekend wreck

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if he wanted to go quail hunting to which Davis agreed. Carrigan picked him up from his home, and they then met with Mathias and others.

At Mathias’ bond hearing, he was supported by both his own family and the parents of Scharber.

Scharber’s father asked the court that Mathias be able to attend the services for his son. Scharber and

Mathias were close friends throughout their lives.

Mathias was granted a \$100,000 surety bond - \$50,000 for each charge with a 10% cash option. The terms of bond include a SCRAM Continuous Alcohol Monitor (CAM) device monitoring location and alcohol consumption, house arrest, and a no contact order to one of the victim’s families.

The SCRAM CAM will be paid for at Mathias’ expense and estimated to be roughly \$260 per month. While on house arrest, he can attend appointments with his legal counsel and doctors as well as attend church and work.

The family of Davis as well as the state recommended Mathias be denied bond.

Brandon Davis’ mother,

Jackie, and wife, Melissa, gave victims impact statements at the bond hearing.

“I’m here today as a voice for my son who could not be here due to the actions of Mr. Mathias driving under the influence,” said Jackie between tears. “The actions of Mr. Mathias has caused a gaping hole in our lives that cannot ever, ever be filled.”

Kimberly Cockrell,

Victims Services Manager at Mothers Against Drunk Driving, spoke in support of the Davis family and echoed Mathias’ bond being denied.

“On behalf of Mothers Against Drunk Driving, as well as the family members you see here, as well as Cade, age 20, Abby, age 17, and Rylee, age 6, who will never see their father again.

We do request that bond be denied,” said Cockrell.

A Celebration of Life for Scharber will be held on Saturday, Jan. 28 at the family’s home. Scharber is an organ donor who will be celebrated for sharing gifts of life to others.

Mathias has an initial appearance set for March 6 at the Barnwell County Courthouse.

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Barnwell  
Baseball Softball  
Association  
Registration Open

Registration is underway for the 2023 season for boys and girls (ages 3 to 15)

Sign-ups for baseball and softball will be held every  
Tuesday and Thursday  
between Jan. 3<sup>rd</sup> and 31<sup>st</sup>  
from 5:30 to 7 p.m.  
at the Barnwell County Public Library  
Price depends on age. Cash or check only.  
For questions, email  
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# The Well: Non-profit brings new resources to Barnwell County

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of services that the community could access all under one roof.

"Pam, she's been calling me for probably the last two years telling me about this vision," said City of Barnwell Mayor Marcus Rivera at the grand opening.

After a few failed attempts to get her idea off the ground, McKnight turned to Pam Rush, Director of Axis I Center, when their old Jackson St. building was no longer in use.

"We have been thinking about this and dreaming about this for a year now, so we are so excited the day is finally here that we can have this grand opening and serve the people in Barnwell County to make sure their needs are met," said Rush.

"You just can't judge when God's time is," said Bradshaw of McKnight's dream of bringing The Well to fruition.

McKnight serves as the project coordinator at Axis I Center and before that she ran an HIV program providing primary ambulatory care for nearly 15 years, making her no stranger to helping people and living by her grandfather's motto, 'charity begins at home.'

"I will always ask God to put me in a position where I can be impactful," said McKnight, who hopes to provide a "full gamut of services" at The Well.

An affiliate of HEALing Partners and Save the Children, The Well was created to fill in the gaps of service in the community and provide things such as food, homework help, computer and printer access, application, and resume assistance, and how to build healthy habits.



Joined by volunteers, staff, and community leaders, Pam McKnight, director of The Well, cuts the ribbon at the grand opening on January 17.



Organizer Jessica Bradshaw addresses the crowd at the grand opening of The Well.



Pam Rush, Executive Director of Axis I Center, thanks everyone who played a part in the grand opening of The Well and its continued management.

Photos By: Alexandra Whitbeck / Reporter

"We want to think outside of the box and meet people where they are," said McKnight. "We don't want to give a handout; we want to give a hand up."

McKnight and team plan to help "people to the next level, whatever that might look like," she said.

Throughout the upcoming year, The Well will be introducing new partnerships with FoodShare, Help Line, Esther's Closet by Redefined Women, and the Clemson Mobile Health Clinic. Programs like audio engineering and podcast development alongside Life Sculpting Sessions will be developed as well.

"We're gonna create a



The interior of The Well was completely remodeled to be a comfortable space for the community.

station on YouTube, so we have someone to come in and actually teach podcasting so that people will learn and can come share

their story— all things community, all things health, all things wellness. We wanna build a culture," said McKnight.

To do things such as resume building, job searching, podcasting, or homework help, internet and computer access is needed. Linda Knapp of Knapp Law Firm in Barnwell secured donations through Just Serve to get ten computers and two printers for The Well.

Another aspect of The Well is a focus on tackling the lifelong impact of adverse childhood experiences known to HEALing Partners members as ACEs.

According to McKnight, the more ACEs an individual has the more apt they are to experience chronic illness and disease. This is something organizers of The Well are looking to

tackle head on.

All involved are excited to see The Well help anyone who enters the doors.

"The work that you guys have done, Pam and Jessica, along with Save the Children and all the other partners, you all are vital to the success of our community. We're just very thankful and blessed you are all a part of this community," said Mayor Rivera. "I look forward to volunteering my time."

"We're looking forward to all that can come from The Well and the number of people we can serve," said Rush.

The Well would not have been able to be established without the contribution of the following partners: Golden Harvest Food Bank, FoodShare Bamberg, Dollar General, Save the Children, SC Thrive, Just Serve (Barnwell), Dillons Provisions Co., Bethany Baptist Church, Healthy Blue, Savannah River Nuclear Solutions, Barnwell County Help Line, Lowcountry AHEC, Barnwell First Steps, Clemson Mobile Health Clinic, Youth Advisory Council, Palmetto Innovation Center, Barnwell Volunteers, Barnwell County Sheriff's Office, Redefined Women, and Spackl Marketing.

## BOOMER BRIEFING

### Estate planning is important



Linda Farron Knapp  
Columnist

**Q.** As a single mom in my 40's, I'm embarrassed to say I've done nothing about estate planning. A recent medical scare has caused me to pause and now consider planning a priority. Any words of wisdom before I do a will?

**A.** About 73% percent of parents have no will and some that do are unaware that their kids are not fully protected by their existing estate plan. So here are some common issues to address:

**1. Name a Guardian.** Be aware that in South Carolina there is a presumption that the biological father is a suitable person to raise the children. If drug or alcohol abuse, sexual or physical abuse, serious mental illness or other reasons contributed to a divorce that would put the child(ren) at risk, then be sure to mention the same in your will so the probate court is alerted to the problem(s) and the proposed guardian has some evidence to fight custody.

Name a married couple as co-guardians of your children only if you intend for both people to serve alone as primary caregiver for your children. If not select the person, possibly a sibling or grandparent, you really have in mind and then, if possible, also choose an alternate guardian.

**2. Financial Issues.** Do not focus solely on someone's financial resources when decid-

ing who should raise your children. It is your job to provide for the child(ren) through life insurance and other assets. Before you despair that you don't have nearly enough to provide for them, remember your child(ren) would likely qualify for Social Security benefits on your earning record until they are 18 or leave high school. You can name a separate person in your will to serve as conservator for the child(ren) or set up an appropriate trust to protect a portion of assets until the child(ren) are adults. Both options may be needed. You probably should discuss long-term care planning options with your attorney and possibly the need for additional life insurance to fund goals for yourself and the child(ren).

**3. Legacy Planning.** In addition to the usual terms of a will be sure to do some real legacy planning that passes the intangible gifts of dreams, ideals, family heritage, and love to your child(ren). Such items might include a journal or diary, scrapbook, family photos, genealogy, family stories recorded in video, audio or writing, newspaper clippings, military records, family recipes, and other family heirlooms that have little monetary value but a lot of emotional connection. Use a personal property memorandum to decide who gets these things. Legacy planning can also include business succession planning, charitable objectives, a last letter(s) possibly saying what you want to be remembered for, life lessons you want to pass on or discussing someone that had a great influence in

your life. You might include the love and pride you have for your children. Remember a special event or moment together. My grandmother raised 10 children alone after her husband died. She left me her sugar cookie recipe. It was legendary in our family. I still feel special knowing she choose me to preserve that legacy. As her health failed, Mum, my husband's mother, left me hours and hours of wisdom on how not to complain with pain and insights on how to build a solid marriage. She framed a poem she lived by with some simple lace that I cherish.

**4. Other parts of a solid plan.** An estate plan may start with a simple will but should include a health care and a financial power of attorney. Your children may not be old enough now to serve as your agent in these documents, but you should discuss with your attorney how these essential documents can later be modified when the children are mature enough to handle such responsibilities.

*Disclaimer: Information contained in this column is meant to be of general information on frequently asked questions concerning disability, elder law, estate planning and probate law, and does not contain specific legal advice to a client. No attorney-client relationship is created by reading this column. January 2023 Title: Estate Planning Tags: Wills, Guardians, Legacy Planning, Bequests, Advance Directives*

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## CORDER'S CREATIVE CORNER

### Book Review: R.A. Salvatore's

### "The War of the Spider Queen"

David B. Corder  
Contributing Writer

**O**ver the span of two and a half years, I have delved into R.A. Salvatore's *War of the Spider Queen*, set in the Dungeons and Dragons setting of The Forgotten Realms.

The story follows the journey of several drow, or dark elves, as they travel through the Underdark, the subterranean world under the continent of Faerûn, to discover the cause of the missing presence of their goddess, Lolth, also known as the Spider Queen. The books focus on several characters including the imposing priestesses Quenthel, Halisstra, and Danifae, the werewolf-like creature, Jeggred, the sarcastic and vexing wizard Pharaun, the warrior Ryld, and a ranger named Valas.

Over the course of six books, I was led on an adventure through caverns, cities, and the very planes of hell. By journey's end, however, I found myself less than fulfilled.

The books are chock-full of things that fantasy readers would love. Magic, sword fights, monsters, political intrigue, and shadowy assassinations. These bits I loved, but they were not enough to carry the series as one conducive saga. The biggest lack of appeal for the book series, which in essence ruins it as a whole, is that there isn't a character worth rooting for. The drow live in a society that is corrupt and derelict, per the will of Lolth, and it's a society where a dagger to the back from a sibling is as common as a "hello" in the market-

place. Of course, such a society is not poor fodder for a fantasy book series, but the heavy reliance by Salvatore on characters that are products of this kind of culture does not make for good heroes. Largely, none of the characters are admirable, and they have no qualities that are laudable.

The only hope for a commendable character is Halisstra, who halfway through the series turns from the darkness of Lolth to the light of the moon goddess, Eilistraee. Unfortunately, this conversion is short lived, and by the ending of the book the pinprick of light that the reader experiences through Halisstra is extinguished. The goddess Lolth is resurrected, while many of the characters that made up the arc of the story are eradicated. It is not a book series with a satisfying conclusion.

I kept going through

the books, held up by the hope that some good would come out of the shadows of a corrupt society and that there would be some kind of answer to the mystery of the Spider Queen. Unfortunately, Salvatore and his arsenal of supporting authors failed to deliver, and I am reluctant to recommend the series. If you want to see some entertaining fight scenes, sure, give it a go. Want to see people (or dark elves) stab each other in the back? Alright. Want a good story?

Probably find another series to read.

*If you'd like to learn more about David, visit his website at [cordersbookcorner.blogspot.com](http://cordersbookcorner.blogspot.com). There you can read short stories and other articles as well as sign up for his monthly newsletter in which you will receive writing updates, exclusive snippets of current projects, and more! You can also email him at [dbcorderwriter@gmail.com](mailto:dbcorderwriter@gmail.com).*



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Williston Town Council

January 31, 2023

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Thank you Citizens of Williston!

\*Paid for by Judy M. Taylor, 822 Elko St., Williston, SC 29853\*

# PLAYER SPOTLIGHT

**Carrie Hutto**

Jefferson Davis Academy



**Grade:** 12th  
**Sports:** Cheer, Basketball and Volleyball  
**Favorites...**  
**•Food:** Chicken Alfredo  
**•Movie/TV shows:** *Outer Banks, Where the Crawdad Sings*  
**•Snack:** Cheez-its  
**•Coaches:** Coach Larry and Coach Howze  
**•Free time activity:** Shopping and going to the beach  
**•Musician:** Morgan Wallen  
**Goal for this season:** Have fun and win!

**Tagan Youngblood**  
 Barnwell High School



**Grade:** 9th  
**Sports:** Football and Wrestling  
**Favorites...**  
**•Food:** Sandwiches  
**•Movie/TV shows:** *Star Wars*  
**•Snack:** Chips  
**•Coaches:** Coach Barnes and Coach Roth  
**•Free time activity:** Reading and Gaming  
**•Musician:** Queen and The Beatles  
**Goal for this season:** Continue to get better.

## HIGH SCHOOL BASKETBALL SCHEDULE (Boys & Girls)



- Thursday, Jan. 26**
- Williston-Elko @ Pelion 6:15
- Community Christian @ JDA 6:00
- Friday, Jan. 27**
- Blackville-Hilda @ Calhoun Academy 6:00
- Ridge Spring-Monetta @ Williston-Elko 6:00
- Barnwell @ Edisto 6:30
- Monday, Jan. 30**
- JDA @ Calhoun Academy 6:00
- Tuesday, Jan. 31**
- Williston-Elko @ Denmark-Olar 6:30
- Wagener-Salley @ Blackville-Hilda 6:30

## HIGH SCHOOL WRESTLING



- Thursday, Jan. 26**
- Barnwell @ Bamberg-Ehrhardt 6:00
- Tuesday, Jan. 31**
- Barnwell @ Pelion 6:00
- Blackville/Williston Consolidated @ Pelion 6:00

# Sports

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The People-Sentinel

Wednesday, January 25, 2023



Ziran Loadholt from Blackville and Kaleb Wilson from Barnwell fought in one of the best matches of the night in the 170 lb. division. This contest went all 3 rounds before Loadholt got the narrow victory over Wilson. Photo By: James Kelly

## Blackville and Barnwell wrestlers compete at CA Johnson

Jeff Miller  
 Sports Writer

The Blackville-Hilda Hawks and Barnwell Warhorses along with the Bamberg-Ehrhardt Red Raiders traveled to Columbia to compete in a quad-match with the CA Johnson Hornets. Each team had wrestlers representing multiple weight classes, that could face each team and wrestle up to three times on the night.

Barnwell's top three wrestlers Josh Carillo, Lakota Scott, and Maurice Odom had a great night for the Warhorses. Josh competed in the 152 lb. classification and won all three of his matches by pinning his opponents. Lakota also won all three of his matches by pinning all three opponents he faced in the 195 lb. division. Maurice looked strong in the 220 lb. division pinning his opponents from Blackville and Bamberg.

"We didn't pick up where we left off from last week as a group," said Barnwell coach William Barnes. "Our top three guys - Josh Carillo 152 lbs., LaKota Scott 195 lbs., and Maurice Odom 220 lbs. - are doing a heck of a job finding ways not only to win matches, but to pin their opponents. I liked what Kaleb Wilson (170 lbs.) did tonight. Our top guys did great, but as a team we made mistakes that can flip the entire match. Luckily, we will face two of the three teams we faced tonight again before the state individual tournament starts. There's a second chance out there to gain some momentum heading into playoffs."

Blackville's top three wrestlers each earned two wins on the night for the Hawks.

Omari Jenkins, Ziran Loadholt, and Stevie Jones each finished the night 2-1. Omari defeated Bamberg and Barnwell wrestlers in the heavyweight class. Ziran earned wins over Bamberg and Barnwell in the 170 lb. division. Stevie also got wins over Bamberg and Barnwell in the 180 lb. group. Eric Mullah earned a win over CA Johnson in the 123 lb. class and Jalen Brown also earned a win over CA Johnson in the 140 lb. group.

Blackville-Hilda Hawks coach James Kelly also had a couple of JV wrestlers from Williston do really well on the night, each earning three

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wins. Raziya Miller defeated all three of his opponents in the 113 lb. weight class and his teammate Keith Richardson was also 3-0 in the 105 lb. group. Next year the Blackville-Hilda Hawks and Williston-Elko Blue Devils will combine to form a consolidated varsity team.

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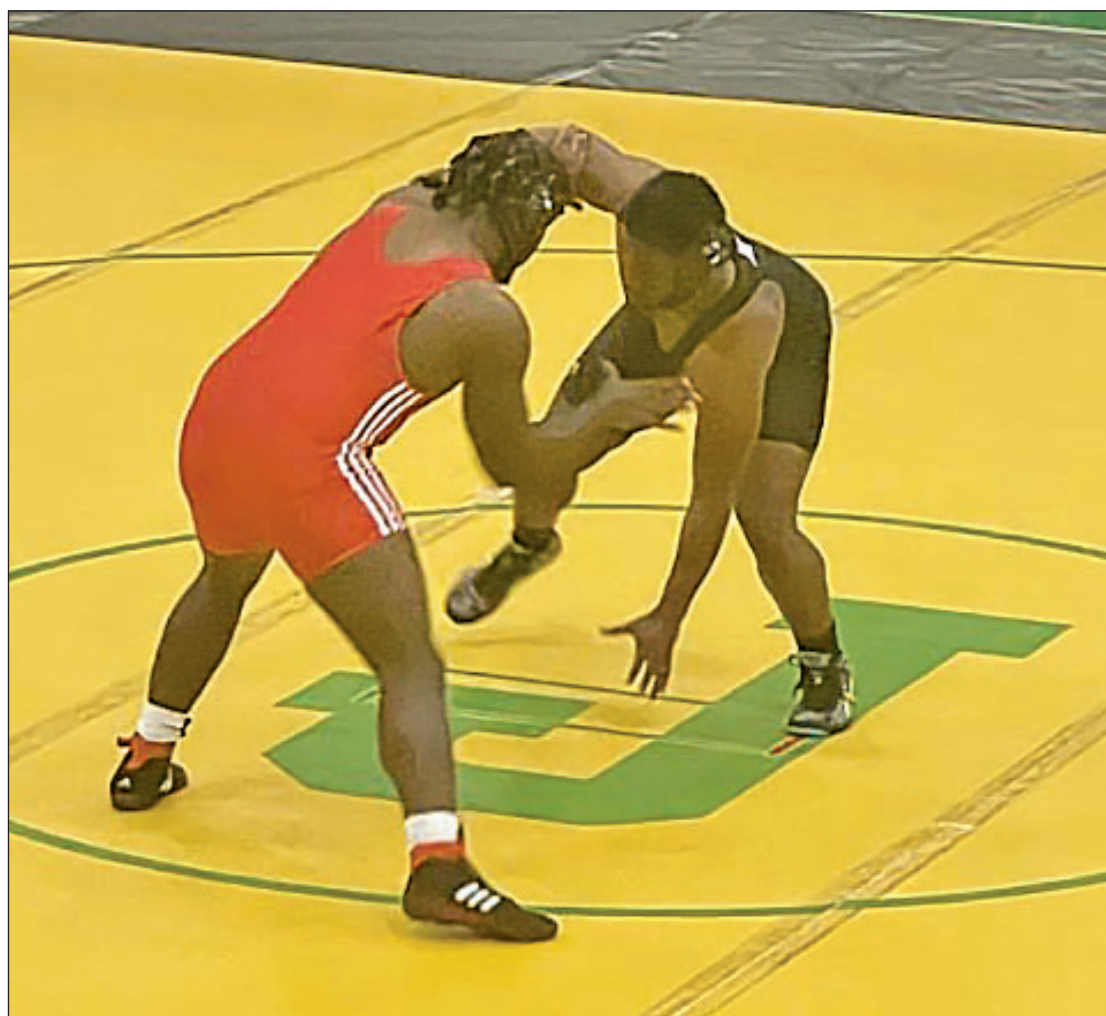
encouraging our wrestlers as we grow as a team!" said Coach Kelly.

He recognized several wrestlers who are improving, showing up to every practice, and giving it their all including: Stevie Jones, Avery Prierster (Cap), Keith Richardson, Jaylen Jones (JJ), Raziya Miller, Timothy Beard, Andrew Brown, Ziran Loadholt, and Omari Jenkins (Tuck). "Also, a special honorable mention to Ben Adams, whose constant dedication to the program and push to improve is unrivaled. Unfortunately, he was injured

during the season and was unable to continue." However, he will be back next year.

"As a first-year program, commitment is pivotal for growth and development during the season. I have noticed huge growth in all of the members of the Blackville Hawks wrestling team from day one until now," said Coach Kelly.

Good luck to Barnwell and Blackville as they finish up the regular season and get ready for the State Individual Tournament!



Barnwell's Maurice Odom defeated his Bamberg opponent in the 220 lb. class. Barnwell's Maurice Odom defeated his Bamberg opponent in the 220 lb. class. Photo By: Derek Youngblood

# Jefferson Davis Boys Basketball records 10th win



Carter Loadholt of JDA hits a jump shot for the Raiders.

**Jeff Miller**  
Sports Writer

The Jefferson Davis Academy Boys Basketball team finished last week winning against Wardlaw Academy and Crown Leadership, but lost to Faith Christian to finish the week 2-1. With the results of these games bringing JDA's overall record to 10-6 and 2-2 in region play.

Raiders coach Anthony Reitenour said, "Despite battling through some sickness, for both myself and one of our starters, the guys continue to improve. We have hit 10 wins for what I'm able to tell, is only the second time in the last 18 years, moving us to 10-6 on the season. I am proud of the way they keep fighting to the end in games.

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Good luck to the Raiders as they close the regular season and prepare for the playoffs!



Kole Lawson plays tough defense for the Raiders.

Photos By: Kathy Googe

# JDA Lady Raiders Basketball crushes Faith Christian 51-5

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JDA defeated Faith Christian 51-5 on Friday, Jan. 20.

Photos By: Kathy Googe



JDA's Emma Craig scoring 2 of her 28 points against Faith Christian.

## CROSSWORD PUZZLE SOLUTION

(Puzzle is on page 5B)

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# Winter in Williston - Disc Golf



78 players from 8 states near and far came to the Williston Town Park on January 14 to participate in Wintertime in Williston—the Williston Disc Golf Club's first tournament of the year.

Professional, amateur, and beginner disc golfers from South Carolina, North Carolina, Georgia, and even Ohio, came to compete.

Here are the results:

**Mixed Pro Open:**  
 First- Tal Wambeke  
 Second- Kevin Allison  
 Third- Adam McJunkin  
 Fourth- Hunter Boeckman

**Mixed Junior under 12:**  
 Grayson Moody

**Mixed Amateur:**  
 Ron Baughman  
 Nicholas Enriquez  
 Grant Tyler  
 Daniel Evans

**Mixed Amateur 40+:**  
 Russell Breault  
 C.J. Siege Nappier  
 Craig Simmons  
 Mel Dickerson

**Mixed Amateur 50+:**  
 Jason Dudarenke  
 Stephen Courtwright

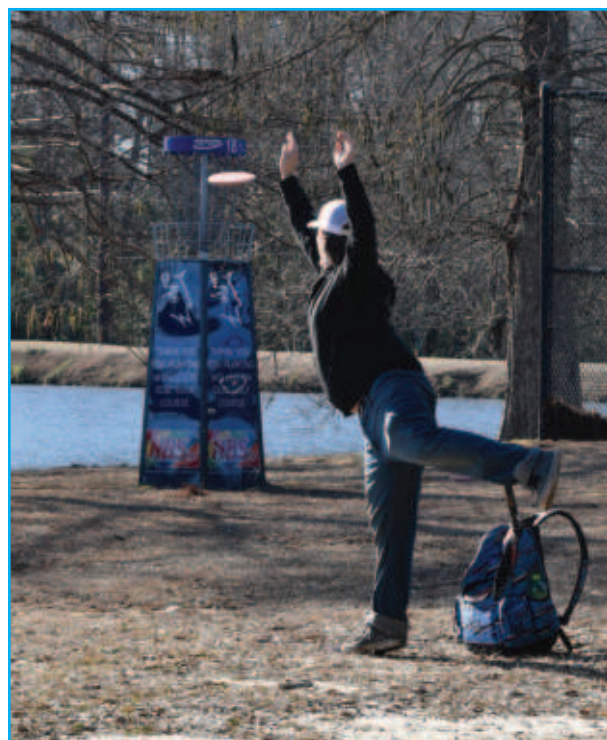
**Mixed Amateur 60+:**  
 Don Wall  
 Brian Morton

**Mixed Amateur 2:**  
 Daniel Tedeschi  
 Alan Vazquez  
 Ryan Brazell  
 Paul Katterjohn

**Mixed Amateur 3:**  
 Tony Flowers  
 Clay Smith  
 Jose Pineda  
 Devon Blitchington

**Mixed Amateur 4:**  
 Ross Smith  
 Carter Daigle  
 Eric Hudson  
 Austin Phillips

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## NOTICES

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Estate: Lillian C. Lawton  
Date of Death: October 30, 2022  
Case Number: 2022 ES 03 00092  
Personal Representative: Gloria Drayton  
Address: 1345 Railroad Avenue, Allendale, S.C. 29810  
Co-Personal Representative: Lorraine Carter  
Address: P.O. Box 462, Allendale, S.C. 29810  
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Estate: Paul Wayne Morris  
Date of Death: November 27, 2022  
Case Number: 2023 ES 06 00001  
Personal Representative: Amy Delgado

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#### Notice of Sale

C/A No. 2021 CP 06 00287  
BY VIRTUE OF A DECREE of the Court of Common Pleas for Barnwell County, South Carolina, heretofore issued in the case of Fifth Third Bank, National Association vs Michael J Niegowski, Midland Fund Inc, Barclays Bank Delaware, Branch Banking and Trust Company I, the undersigned as Special Referee for Barnwell County, will

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sell on February 6, 2023 at 11:00 AM, at the County Court House, Barnwell County, South Carolina, to the highest bidder  
Legal Description and Property Address  
ALL THAT CERTAIN piece, parcel or lot of land, with any improvements thereon, situate, lying and being located in the City of Barnwell, County of Barnwell, State of South Carolina, being shown and designated as Lot 12, Corley Heights Subdivision upon a plat prepared for Patsy Vaigneur by WJ Webb, PLS dated March 21, 2006 and recorded March 4, 2006 in Plat Cabinet B, Slide 39, page 4-A, records of Barnwell County, South Carolina. According to said plat, which is incorporated herein by reference thereto, said tract is described as follows, to wit: Northwest by lands now or formerly of Hoffman and Cochran, et al, 84.53 feet, northeast by lands now or formerly of KAM (lot 10), 140.05 feet, southeast by 40' right of way of Corley Heights Richardson Road, 85.05 feet, and southwest by lands now or formerly of All (lot 14), 140.16 feet, all measurements being more or less. THIS BEING the same property conveyed unto Michael J. Niegowski and Alison T. Niegowski, as joint tenants with right of survivorship, by virtue of a Deed from Patsy Vaigneur dated August 30, 2007 and recorded September 19, 2007 in Volume 808 at Page 41 in the Office of the Clerk of Court for Barnwell County, South Carolina. THEREAFTER, Michael J. Niegowski and Alison T. Niegowski, as joint tenants with right of survivorship, conveyed subject property unto Michael J. Niegowski dated September 12, 2014 and recorded October 2, 2014 in Volume 1074 at Page 88 in the Office of the Clerk of Court for Barnwell County, South Carolina. 94 Corley Heights Richardson Road Barnwell, SC 29812  
MST# 072 05 06 005  
**TERMS OF SALE:** For cash. Interest at the current rate of 4.625% to be paid on balance of bid from date of sale to date of compliance. The purchaser to pay for papers and stamps, and that the successful bidder or bidders, other than the Plaintiff therein, will, upon the acceptance of his or her bid, deposit with the Special Referee for Barnwell County a certified check or cash in the amount equal to five percent (5%) of the amount of bid on said premises at the sale as evidence of good faith in bidding, and subject to any resale of said premises under Order of this Court; and in the event the said purchaser or purchasers fail to comply with the terms of sale within Thirty (30) days, the Special Referee shall forthwith resell the said property, after the due notice and advertisement, and shall continue to sell the same each subsequent sales day until a purchaser, who shall comply with the terms of sale, shall be obtained, such sales to be made at the risk of the former purchaser. As a personal or deficiency judgment is demanded, the bidding will remain open for a period of thirty (30) days pursuant to the S.C. Code Ann. Section 15-39-720 (1976). If the Plaintiff or the Plaintiff's representative does not appear at the above-described sale, then the sale of the property will be null, void, and of no force and effect. In such event, the sale will be rescheduled for the next available sales day. Plaintiff may waive any of its rights, including its

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right to a deficiency judgment, prior to sale. Sold subject to taxes and assessments, existing easements and restrictions of record  
James Martin Harvey, Jr.  
Special Referee for Barnwell County  
Barnwell, South Carolina 2927  
Hutchens Law Firm LLP  
P.O. Box 8237  
Columbia, SC 29202  
803-726-2700  
2023-05 3tc 2-01-23

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Estate: Idella Davis Aiken  
Date of Death: December 3, 2022  
Case Number: 2023 ES 06 00005  
Personal Representative: Jackie L. Davis  
Address: 878 Oak Avenue, Blackville, S.C. 29817  
2023-07 3tp 2-01-23

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Estate: Mildred Rast Thomas  
Date of Death: November 17, 2022  
Case Number: 2023 ES 06 00004  
Personal Representative: Donald C. Thomas  
Address: 370 Livingston Landing Road, Cardova, S.C. 29039  
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#### MASTER IN EQUITY'S SALE

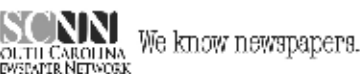
2021-CP-03-00236  
BY VIRTUE of a decree heretofore granted in the case of Deutsche Bank National Trust Company, as Indenture Trustee, for New Century Home Equity Loan Trust 2005-3 against Henrietta O'Berry a/k/a Henrietta Prester, et al, I, the undersigned Master in Equity for Allendale County, will sell on February 6, 2023 at 11:00 AM, Allendale County Courthouse, 292 Barnwell Highway, Allendale,

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SC 29810, to the highest bidder. All that certain piece, parcel or tract of land, situate, lying and being near Cave, Allendale County, State of South Carolina as shown and designated by a Plat made by J.J. Foy, RLS, for Clarence Doe on February 4, 1972, and recorded in the Office of the Clerk of Court for Allendale County in Plat book 12 at page 151. Said lot is bounded now or formerly as follows, to-wit: on the Northeast by U.S. Highway #278 measuring thereon 120 feet; on the Southeast by lands of Conway Doe measuring thereon 200 feet; on the Southwest by land of Walter Jenkins measuring thereon 218.91 feet; and on the Northwest by other lands of Walter Jenkins measuring thereon 203 feet. This being the same property conveyed to Henry F. Priester from United States of America, C.W. Brook, State Director of FHA by deed dated July 11, 1975 and recorded July 31, 1975 in the Office of the Clerk of Court for Allendale County in Book 50 at Page 124. Subsequently, Henry F. Priester conveyed the property to Henrietta O'Berry and Wallace Priester by deed dated February 11, 2013 and recorded November 11, 2018 in the Office of the Clerk of Court for Allendale County in Book 278 at Page 112. Property Address: 3479 Barnwell Highway, Allendale, SC 29810 Parcel No. 086-00-00-002 Pursuant to South Carolina Supreme Court Administrative Order 2022-02-17-02, protective masks are no longer required in county courthouses, however, any person who is at risk or concerned about the dangers of COVID-19 may continue to wear a mask inside any courthouse, subject to a request from judges, courthouse staff, or law enforcement to briefly remove that mask during the presentation of a case or when necessary for security or identification purposes. TERMS OF SALE: The successful bidder, other than the plaintiff, will deposit with the Master in Equity, at conclusion of the bidding, five percent (5%) of his bid, in cash or equivalent, as evidence of good faith, same to be applied to purchase price in case of compliance, but to be forfeited and applied first to costs and then to plaintiff's debt in the case of non-compliance. Should the last and highest bidder fail or refuse to make the required deposit at the time of bid or comply with the other terms of the bid within twenty (20) days, then the Master in Equity may re-sell the property on the same terms and conditions on some subsequent Sales Day (at risk of the said highest bidder). A personal or deficiency judgment being waived by Plaintiff, the sale shall close on the Sales Day. Purchaser to pay for documentary stamps on Master in Equity's Deed. The successful bidder will be required to pay interest on the amount of the balance of the bid from date of sale to date of compliance with the bid at the rate of 7.20% per annum. SAVE AND EXCEPT ANY RELEASFS, DEFES OF RELEASFS, OR PRIOR CONVEYANCES OF RECORD SUBJECT TO ASSESSMENTS, ALLENDALE COUNTY TAXES, EXISTING EASEMENTS, EASEMENTS AND RESTRICTIONS OF RECORD, AND OTHER SENIOR ENCUMBRANCES. In the event an agent of Plaintiff does not appear at the time of sale, the within property shall be withdrawn from sale and sold at the next available sales date upon the terms and conditions as set forth in the Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale or such terms as may be set forth in a supplemental order. The Honorable Walter H. Sanders, Jr. Master in Equity for Allendale County Bell Carrington Price & Grogg, LLC 339 Hayward Street, 2nd Floor, Columbia, SC 29201 803-509-5078 / File # 21-50217 Attorney for Plaintiff 4902 2023-10 3tp 2-01-23

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Estate: Lena Mae Hutto  
Date of Death: June 28, 2022  
Case Number: 2023 ES 06 00003  
Personal Representative: Iravain D. Cunningham  
Address: 2989 Jones Bridge Road, Blackville, S.C. 29817  
2023-11 3tp 2-08-23

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Estate: Kathleen D. Howze  
Date of Death: December 11, 2022  
Case Number: 2023 ES 06 00002  
Personal Representative: Shawn A. Howze Sr.  
Address: P.O. Box 213, Barnwell, S.C. 29812  
2023-12 3tp 2-08-23

**SUMMONS AND NOTICE (Non-Jury)**  
FORECLOSURE (Deficiency Waived)  
STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA COUNTY OF BARNWELL IN THE COURT OF COMMON PLEAS  
CASE NO.: 2022-CP-11-00243  
United States of America, acting through the Farmers Home Administration, United States Department of Agriculture, Plaintiff, vs. Lacie Jones, Nicole Jones, Samu of Louis Jones, Jr., and SLM Private Credit Student Loan Trust 2006 A, Defendants  
TO THE DEFENDANT(S): Samuel Louis Jones, Jr.  
YOU ARE HEREBY SUMMONED and required to appear and defend by answering the Amended Complaint in this action, of which a copy is herewith served upon you, and to serve a copy of your Answer on the subscribers at their offices, 135 Columbia Avenue, Post Office Box 1000, Chapin, South Carolina 29036, within thirty (30) days after the service hereof, exclusive of the day of such service; except that the United States of America, if named, shall have sixty (60) days to answer after the service hereof, exclusive of the day of such service; and if you fail to do so, judgment by default will be rendered against you for the relief demanded in the complaint.  
TO MINOR(S) OVER FOURTEEN YEARS OF AGE, AND/OR TO MINOR(S) UNDER FOURTEEN YEARS OF AGE AND THE PERSON WITH WHOM THE MINOR(S) RESIDES, AND/OR TO PERSONS UNDER SOME LEGAL DISABILITY: YOU ARE HEREBY SUMMONED AND NOTIFIED to apply for the appointment of a guardian ad item

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within thirty (30) days after the service of this Summons and Notice upon you. If you fail to do so, application for such appointment will be made by the Plaintiff.  
YOU WILL ALSO TAKE NOTICE that under the provisions of South Carolina Code 29-3-100, effective June 16, 1993, any collateral assignment of rents contained in the attached mortgage is perfected and Plaintiff hereby gives notice that all rents shall be payable directly to it by delivery to its undersigned attorneys from the date of default. In the alternative, Plaintiff will move before a judge of this Circuit on the 10th day after service hereof, or as soon thereafter as counsel may be heard, for an Order enforcing the assignment of rents, if any, and compelling payment of all rents covered by such assignment directly to the Plaintiff, which motion is to be based upon the original note and mortgage and the Amended Complaint which was filed in the Office of the Clerk of Court for Barnwell County on August 22, 2022.  
NOTICE  
YOU WILL PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the Second Amended Lis Pendens, Amended Notice of Right to Foreclosure Intervention, Amended Certificate of Exemption/Withdrawal from Arbitration and Mediation, Amended Summons and Amended Complaint, of which the foregoing is a copy of the Summons, were filed with the Clerk of Court for Barnwell County, South Carolina on August 5, 2022.  
HARRELL, MARTIN & PEACE, P.A.  
s/Jamie Anna Weller  
Jamie Anna Weller #105548  
Taylor A. Peace #100206  
135 Columbia Avenue  
Post Office Box 1000  
Chapin, South Carolina 29036  
(803) 345-3333  
ATTORNEY FOR PLAINTIFF  
2023-13 3tc 2-08-23

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Estate: Leon Kevin Junior  
Date of Death: July 1, 2022  
Case Number: 2023 ES 03 00003  
Personal Representative: Julia Lee Junior  
Address: 11023 Burtons Ferry Highway, Allendale, S.C. 29810  
The Honorable James M. Harvey, Jr.  
Special Referee for Barnwell County  
Robertson, Anschutz, Schneid, Crane & Partners PLLC  
Attorneys for Plaintiff  
110 Frederick, Suite 200  
Greenville, SC 29607  
Telephone: (470) 321-7117  
Facsimile: (404) 393 1425  
2023-14 3tp 2-08-23

**NOTICE OF APPLICATION**  
Notice is hereby given that Jessica Bordenon intends to apply to the South Carolina Department of Revenue for a license and/or permit that will allow the sale and on/off premises consumption of beer and wine at 4734 West Street, Williston, S.C. 29853. To object to the issuance of this license and/or permit, you must submit Form ABL 20, postmarked no later than February 10, 2023. For a protest to be valid, it must be in writing and should include the following information:  
1. the name, address, and telephone number of the person filing the protest;  
2. the specific reasons why the application should be denied;  
3. that the person protesting is willing to attend a hearing (if one is requested by the applicant);  
4. that the person protesting resides in the same county where the proposed place of business is located or within five miles of the business; and  
5. the name of the applicant and the address of the premises to be licensed.  
Protests must be mailed to SCDOR, ABL Section, P.O. Box 125, Columbia, S.C. 29214-0907 or emailed to ABL@dor.sc.gov.  
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will become due, the nature of any uncertainty as to the claim, and a description of any security as to the claim.  
Estate: Robert Joseph Ravonscroft Sr.  
Date of Death: November 11, 2022  
Case Number: 2022 ES 06 00212  
Personal Representative: Julia B. Ravonscroft  
Address: 581 Moonlight Drive, Williston, S.C. 29853  
Attorney: Brad A. Brodie, Esquire  
Address: P.O. Box 519, Aiken, S.C. 29802  
2023-16 3tp 2-08-23

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Estate: Vivian Murphy Lott  
Date of Death: December 9, 2022  
Case Number: 2023 ES 06 00009  
Personal Representative: Glenda Gail Lott  
Address: 1019 Moore Road, Orangeburg, S.C. 29118  
2023-17 3tp 2-08-23

**Notice of Groundwater Withdrawal Permit Application**  
Oswald JCO Farms, 201 Frontage Rd, Fairfax, S.C. 29827, has applied to the South Carolina Department of Health and Environmental Control for a Groundwater Withdrawal Permit, under the Groundwater Use and Reporting Act for one (1) proposed agricultural irrigation well located at approximately N 32.99810566

W 81.29044590 in Allendale, S.C. A proposed groundwater withdrawal increase of 133.92 million gallons per year from the Crouch Branch aquifer has been developed from calculated water use requirements for one (1) agricultural irrigation well(s) on approximately 60 acres. Additional information concerning this application may be obtained from Courtney Kemmer by calling (803) 898-3952 or e-mail at kcmemmer@dhec.sc.gov. SCDHEC invites and will receive comments on the application until February 24, 2023, close of business day, 5:00 p.m. EST. Please submit comments to SCDHEC/Bureau of Water, 2600 Bull Street, Columbia, S.C. 29201, attention: Courtney Kemmer. Interested parties wishing to be notified of the final permit decision must make comment on the application and/or make request to receive notice of the final decision and must provide the SCDHEC with a correct name and mailing address.  
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**STATEPOINT CROSSWORD**

**THEME: Super Bowl**

- ACROSS**  
1. COVID tester  
5. Pep rally syllable  
8. To overlay with thin gold coating  
12. Sky bear  
13. Abundant  
14. Worrier's worry?  
15. Fishing spot  
16. Blackhearted  
17. Full of coral  
18. \*2023 Super Bowl stadium sponsor  
20. Research facil.  
21. Egg cell  
22. King Charles to Prince Harry  
23. Thief's target  
26. \*2023 Super Bowl Halftime Show star  
30. Mozart's "L\_\_\_ del Cairo"  
31. Bob Marley's music  
34. Yarn spinner  
35. "The Poky Little"  
37. Skedaddle  
38. 18-wheelers  
39. "Guilty," e.g.  
40. Fabric inset  
42. One of the sibs  
43. \*Super Bowl advertiser's purchase  
45. Anatolian language  
47. Decay  
48. "There it is," à Paris

50. "Hold on!"  
52. \*Home of the Ravens, for both Super Bowl appearances  
56. Cuckoo for these puffs!  
57. Curved molding  
58. Medicinal plant  
59. Court orders, e.g.  
60. Sonny & Cher and Abbott & Costello  
61. Talk like a drunk  
62. Actor Danson and character Lasso  
63. "Owner of a Lonely Heart" band  
64. \*Star of the most-watched Super Bowl Halftime Show
- DOWN**  
1. Paddleboarding acronym  
2. Court order  
3. Between ports  
4. Hungarian composer Bela  
5. \*Either one of the opposing Super Bowl teams  
6. Flambé  
7. Position of leadership  
8. \*2023 Super Bowl AZ location  
9. Frosts, as a cake  
10. Hit the road

11. Like certain humor  
13. Disprove  
14. Dickens's Heep  
19. Each and all  
22. One of a set of dice  
23. Father, colloquially  
24. Round openings  
25. Pickled garnish  
26. \*Last year's Super Bowl winners  
27. Nimbus, pl.  
28. Nigerian money and character Lasso  
29. Torcher's crime  
32. Elmer's, e.g.  
33. Found at the pump  
36. \*Team with most Super Bowl appearances  
38. Signing tool at the cash register  
40. Greenwich-related acronym  
41. Superior ones  
44. Itsy-bitsy bits  
46. Patterned table linen  
48. Lacking clarity  
49. Bread spreads  
50. Donned  
51. As opposed to base in chemistry  
52. Snatchers' quest  
53. Cantina pot  
54. \*Overwhelming Super Bowl defeat  
55. Fear-inspiring  
56. 100 lbs.

**CROSSWORD**

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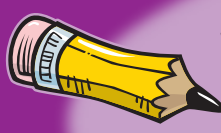
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## Cause and Effect Matchup

Work with a family members to draw lines to connect each CAUSE with its EFFECT.

My cousin told me a funny joke.

I was late for school.

I left my popsicle in the sun.

Birds splashed and chirped happily.

I had a bad dream.

I missed the bus.

I got an A!

I read a spooky story last night.

I laughed and told it to my friends.

I filled the bird bath with fresh water.

I studied each night before the big test.

It melted.

## What Happened and Why: Cause and Effect

One event makes something else happen. That's cause and effect!



News articles tell about the cause and the effect of things that happen. News articles report on something that happened and explain why. The headline tells **what** happened — or the **effect**. The article gives more details

and tells **why** it happened — or the **cause**. A good headline sparks your curiosity and makes you want to read the article to learn more.

**Caution! This article is not real news! It is just for fun!**

### Discovering Cause and Effect

Read this silly article to answer these questions.

WHAT happened? This is the EFFECT.

WHY did it happen? This is the CAUSE.

Think about something that happened at your school this week. What was the CAUSE and EFFECT?

CAUSE: \_\_\_\_\_

EFFECT: \_\_\_\_\_



How many differences can you find between these two dragons?



### Dragon Burp Burns Ball

BLAZETON – Karly Kindling sparked surprise in the people watching last night's basketball game between the Southside Scorchers and the Eastside Embers at Flaming Torch High School.

"I ate a burrito just before the game," said Karly. "I overdid it with the hot sauce I added. The burrito caused my stomach to be a bit upset when I started the game."

The burrito caused stomach gas to form in the belly of the star forward for the Eastside Embers. Just as she caught the ball from a teammate, she burped.

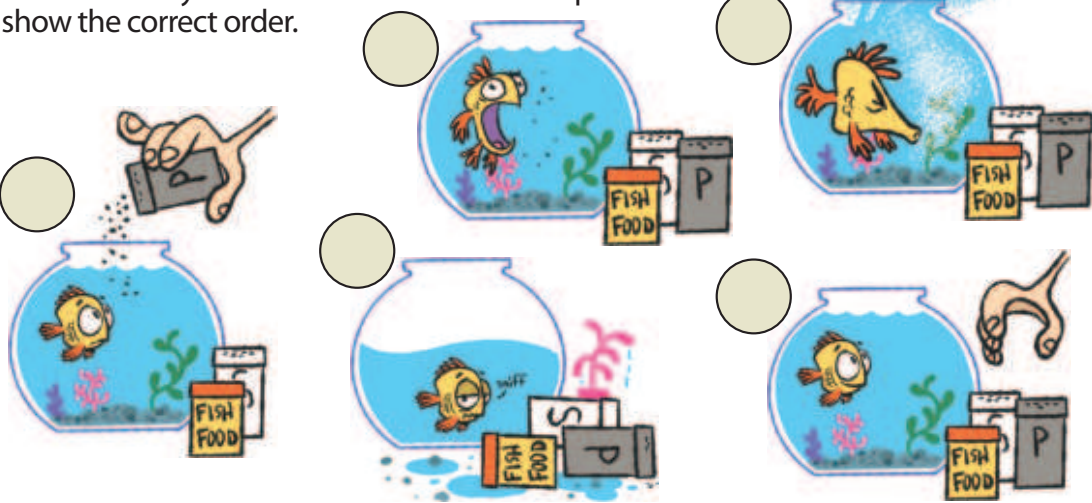
The burp caused a burst of flame to shoot out of her mouth, burning the basketball to a crisp.

"Karly took it well. She took a big breath and got right back in the game, shooting a three-pointer with a new ball moments later," said coach Coalsworth.

"But from now on," said Coalsworth, "our players will be sticking with orange slices and ice water before a game!"

### Scrambled Story

Look at the pictures below. They tell a silly story of cause and effect. But they are out of order. Number the pictures to show the correct order.



**Extra! Extra!**

### Before and After

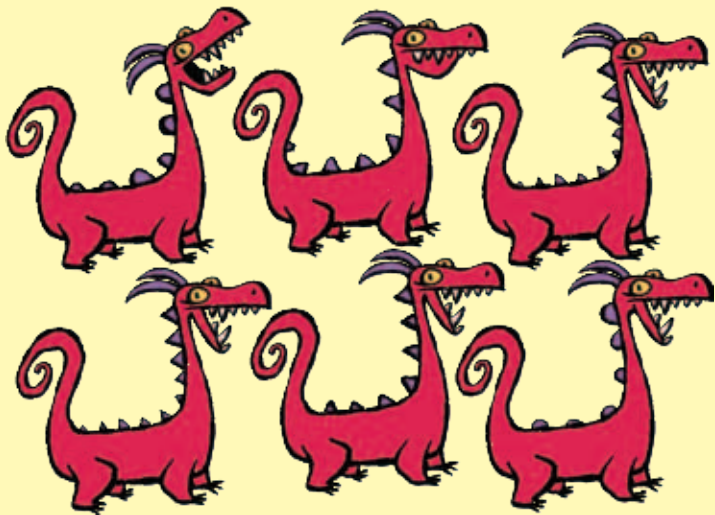
The cause of something happens before the effect. Look at a photograph in the newspaper. Try to imagine what happened before the picture was taken. Why do you think that?

Standards Link: Identify cause and effect using visual cues.

### Kid Scoop Puzzler

#### Dragon Doubles

Only two of these dragons are exactly alike. Can you find them?



### Double Double Word Search

- BASKETBALL
- BURP
- CAUSE
- DETAILS
- DRAGON
- EFFECT
- EMBERS
- FLAMES
- HAPPEN
- NEWS
- ORDER
- READ
- THINK
- WATER
- WHY

Find the words in the puzzle. How many of them can you find on this page?

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S R E B M E F N E E  
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Standards Link: Letter sequencing. Recognize identical words. Skim and scan reading. Recall spelling patterns.

### Kid Scoop VOCABULARY BUILDERS

This week's word: **SCOOP**

The noun **scoop** means being the first to publish information that is of high interest and importance.

Carol got the **scoop** about the new stadium before all the other sports reporters.

Try to use the word **scoop** in a sentence today when talking with your friends and family members.

### FROM THE Kid Scoop LESSON LIBRARY

#### News Cause and Effect

Select an article in the newspaper. After reading the article carefully, write a summary of the **effect** or what happened. Then write the **cause** or why it happened.

Standards Link: Language Arts: Summarize main ideas in writing.



What really frustrates a dragon on its birthday?

ANSWER: Trying to blow out the candles on the cake!

### Write On!

#### What's your scoop?

Write a sentence or short paragraph that tells the who, what, when and where of some news happening in your school.

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